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CLASS OF 1915 USNA

Nº6 MARCH 1955

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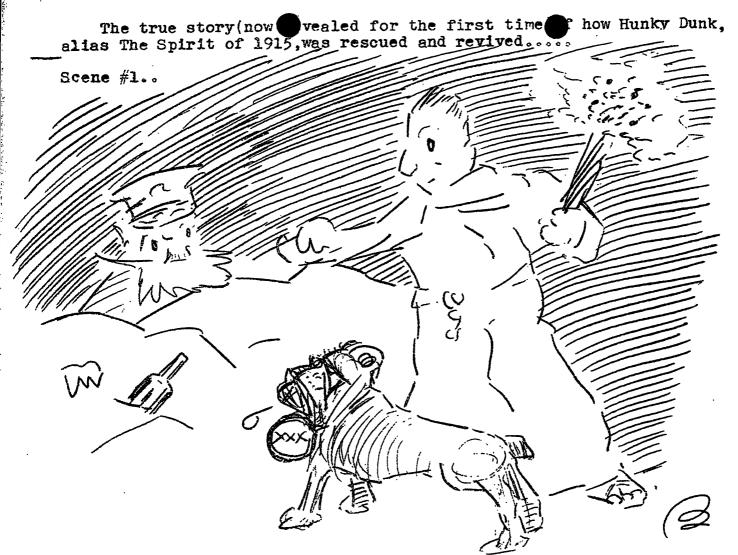
Allan Quynn

Skeeter Wotherspoon

40th Reunion

An impromptu class meeting was held at the New York Yacht Club on January 5 to discuss the plans for our reunion. Those present were:

Baker, Scott
Bates, Rafe
Breed, Ted
Gamble, Shorty
Hutchinson, Hutch
McCormick, Lynde
Powers, Rachael
Richards, Fred
Schott, Bill
Shelley, Tully
Small, Jack
Struble, Rip
Vickrey, Claude



Brother Shelley of the Hospice St.Lummus, England, discovered what appeared to be a frozen body, in the glacier of Neglect, where it was drifting skowly into darkness and oblivion. Upon closer examination he decided to attempt the rescue... First aid was adminstered thanks to one of the celebrated rescue dogs of the Blockbuster Kennels... "something on the rocks"...

Turning on the Heet

Too late for publication in the last Bulletin was a news item concerning Jack Small. The New York Times announced that he has been elected as President of the Quiet Heet Manufacturing Corporation, Newark, N.J.

This is the culmination of what has been quite an imposing executive career for Jack. He was Chairman of the Munitions Board, U.S. Department of Defense, from 1950 to 1952. He joined Quiet Heet in October 1953 as executive vice president and a director. He had been vice president of the Pressed Steel Car Co. Inc. The company of which he is now the head makes air conditioners and oil burners.

Belated but sincere congratulations to you, Jack.

Some guy who could count above ten noticed that there were 13 present but not until the bar had sent out for reinforcements. After that it didn't matter.

Although some juicy targets presented themselves no hot-hand was played during the preliminaries. This was either because of dignified restraint or because Grot Wood couldn't be present. Rafe Bates and I indulged in our usual stone-paper-scissors with the usual result - we beat the hell out of each other.

Hutch, Chairman of our Reunion Planning Committee, made a special trip up from Annapolis to join us and present a progress report.

Out of our meeting the following decisions were developed:

- 1. There will be no official class functions in Washington.
- 2. The official stag class meeting will be held at a luncheon on Friday, (23 Sept.)
- 3. Disappointment was expressed at the lack of response to a Naval Academy memorial. (The total sum pledged was in the neighborhood of \$700). It was unanimously agreed to reopen the question at the Class Meeting in Annapolis (23rd).
- 4. Except for the stag luncheon on Friday all events will be mixed.

Hutch brought us up to date on his committee's activities and announced that the following have expressed their definite intention of being present and nearly all had sent checks to cover:-

Will Attend

Baker	Hutchinson	Peyton
Bodfish	Jenkins	Powers
Brown, T.G.	Lewis, C.E.	Quynn
Chambers	Lewis, J. M.	Ramsey
Collins	Lonergan	Richards
Godfrey	Lusk	Shelley
Graf	McCaffrey	Sperry
Granat	McCormick	Stephan
Henning	Nelson, R.M. Jr.	Vickrey
Horn	Peck	

Might Attend

Will Not Attend

Arnold	Burnett	Moore
Dupre	Davis, A.C.	Nimitz
Thomas, W.D.	Huntoon	Preston
Umsted	Low	Wright
	Maher, S.A.	•

Scene #2....



Fr.Shelley removed the "body" to the Hospice sick-bay and injected numerous shots of Bulletin... The patient, delirious when discovered, recovered some of his reason and memory and sang some quaint songs of his youth...

Our Class Treasurer reports no change in the status of Class funds except a credit of \$22.00 representing interest on savings, and a debit of \$25.00 advanced to the Reunion Planning Committee for expenses. This means that the balance on hand is \$1,762.93.

The above attendance summary includes only those who have actually filled out and sent in to Hutch the forms enclosed with Bulletin No. 5.

We know there are a lot more to come and offhand can mention Breed, Eldredge, Pennoyer and Rhea.

The job of your Annapolis Planning Committee is difficult at best and I beseach you not to make their task more arduous by procrastination.

To make this a smooth operation it is vital that Hutch know the intentions of every classmate - yes - maybe - or no.

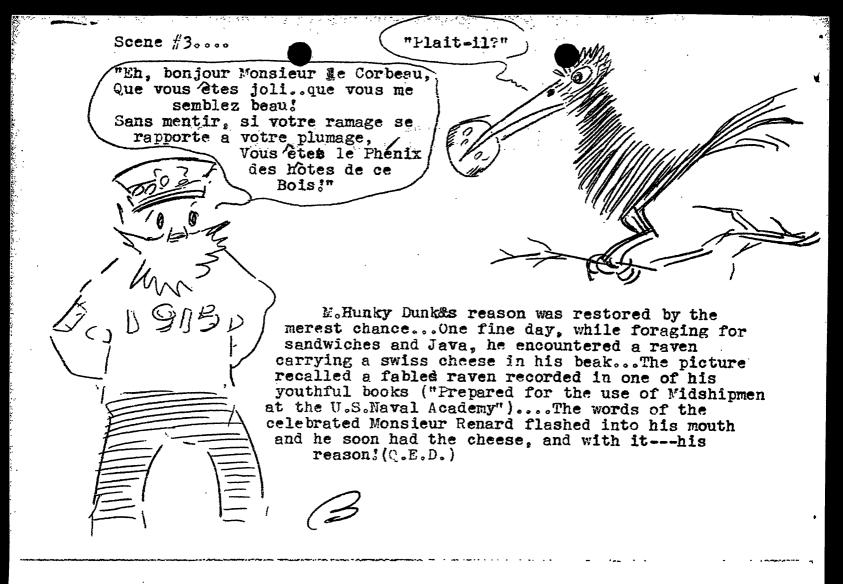
In case you have mislaid Bulletin No. 5 we are attaching another form as the last page of this issue. We urge you to tear it out now before you lay the Bulletin aside, and send it in to Hutch with the requested information. If it is not convenient to enclose a check at the same time, O. K., that detail can follow. The most urgent thing is to know who is coming so the committee can arrange all reservations and special events.

So - DO IT NOW!

Dick Richards is another of the multiple address boys. In your copy of the roster please correct his address as follows:

Summer - Newcastle, Maine
Winter - 120 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, Md.

The bill for our Class party at the New York Yacht Club came to \$79.00. We collected 5 bucks from each of the 13 present as a guess and ended up with a deficit of \$14.00. The Class Treasurer will take this up with Rip Struble as he was kind enough to underwrite the party.



Ten Million Americans Mobilizing for Justice

We came across an item in TIME magazine which mentions another activity of our Pete del Valle. It seems that Pete is, or was, associated with an organization called Ten Million Americans Mobilizing for Justice. The purpose was to influence the U.S. Senate against the censure of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy and its goal was to get 10-million signatures in ten days.

The Ten Million's top echelon was studded with brass with Lt. Gen. Stratemeyer as Chairman. Among the vice chairmen were General Van Fleet, Admiral Standley, Lt. Gen. Pedro del Valle, and Charles Edison. Since the McCarthy censure issue is now history we suppose the Ten Million have gone back to their normal pursuits, although for Don Quixote del Valle this sort of thing is becoming a normal way of life. In Bulletin No. 4 we ran an item on Pete as President of an organization known as Defenders of the American Constitution, Inc.

In between times he took an unsuccessful fling at the Republican nomination for Governor of Maryland.

A busy boy, our Pete,

Skeeter Mitchell, Sportsman

by Horse Pennoyer

(Sent direct instead of through our West Coast Deputy to avoid possible censorship).

Skeeter was recently given a special dress parade and review in his honor by the Comdg. General of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here in San Diego. All the dignitaries in the area attended and it was a truly fine and very impressive exhibition. At least four fully manned and magnificently trained battalions paraded and finally passed in review before Mitch with a 200-piece Marine band playing "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli." Mitch was in civilian clothes but every inch a seasoned "leatherneck" - erect, fit and serious.

Mitch is presently spending at least three days a week south of the border enjoying the best quail shooting that Mexico has had in years. This will go on until March and in the meanwhile he is out of circulation for golf. He is an inveterate and in some respects an incorrigible huntsman. Everything, even golf, is subordinate to these activities.

Very recently Belle had a birthday. When her breakfast tray was brought in it contained a small card with the inscription, "Happy Birthday - I've gone hunting". Belle says what burns her up is the fact that it was the very same card Mitch has been using each year since their honeymoon in 1915 because on the reverse side is an identical inscription except for the words "I've gone fishing."

Belle claims that if she attends the Class Reunion in September her battle cry will be "Bring on Red Thomas."

If you know the present addresses of the following please notify Claude Vickrey:

Smith, A.E., R. Adm. Wynne, W. M. A., Comdr.

Our West Coast Representative reports that a few months ago while in the neighborhood of Seattle, he saw a newspaper article stating Hoke had withdrawn his name from the election for "Port Director". A certain longevity residence is required before a candidate can become eligible to run. Hoke thought he was O.K. in this respect, but apparently there was some question as to his being able to count his years of residence while serving on active duty as Commandant 13th Naval District.

(Note to Nelson Leonard: As you are our only Seattle resident at the moment, please make a check on Hoke's whereabouts for us).

Complete recovery of M.Hunky Dunk was verified by thirteen(13) members of the class of 1915 on January 5th in a solemn plenary session called by chairman Shelley at the velvet-draped marble hall known as the New York Yacht Club. The patient was brought in still in an apparently dazed condition..mumbling and fumbling and stumbling...At the sight of the sandwiches served as Horsey D'oeuvres a familiar phrase flashed into his mind and swept away the last of the cobwebs... "Sandwiches will be served!" he shouted.. "Hello Tully! hello Refe!...Who's that tall man over there?.. Why it's Scott Baker!.. who is the signal halliard?.. Ha! Ha!.. Und auch Bill Schott.. Sehr gefreut!.. Lynde! Rip! Vick!.. Hutch!" and he named them all without a miss, finally launching into the class song... This made the party number fourteen(14) and it was accordingly decided to hold the re-union..



Bloody But Unbowed

By Our Roving Eye Reporter

About a year ago we were standing at the entrance to Bethesda Hospital when a car drove up and out stepped a person who seemed very familiar. His shirt tail was hanging out, the front of it was spattered with blood coming from his hand held up to his face.

It was our old friend Mort Ring, bloody but unbowed. Reminded us of the old days of the Ballyhoo Massy. He had mashed his hand in the door of his car and had a hell of a time convincing the duty officer that he was really Admiral Ring.

OUR 25TH REUNION

In going through his old files Lynde came across a copy of the Operation Order organizing our 25th Reunion. We repeat it here in full, confident that it will recall happy memories to many of us.

HUNKY DUNK FLEET PROVINCETOWN FORCE NATOMA, Flagship

RESTRICTED (Class 1915 USNA).

WEST YARMOUTH, MASS. 15 August 1937; 1200

Operation Order No. 1

TASK ORGANIZATION

(a) MAIN BODY

Vice Admiral L.D. McCormick Granat

Granat
Portz
Gamble
Lusk
Stephan
Rhea
Pennoyer

Armstrong, D.W.

Peck Scott Sperry

(b) BEACH GUARD Commodore C. C. Vickrey

(c) DAMAGE CONTROL Ensign R.O. Glover

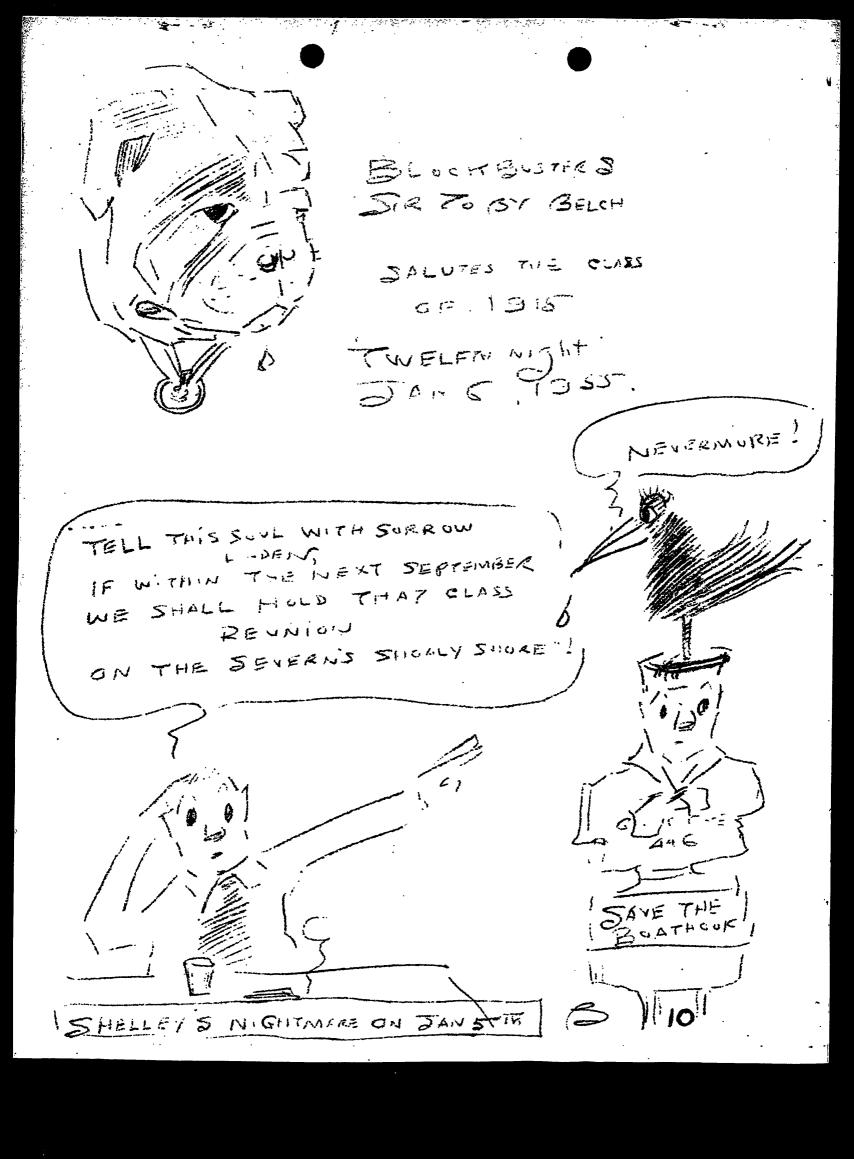
(d) MATE OF THE DECK Passed Midshipman A.C. Thomas

(e) EVAPORATOR Commodore G. W. Grove

(f) PHOTOGRAPHER Lieutenant A.S. Wotherspoon

(g) NAVIGATOR Captain N. Calvert

(h) BUGLER Lieutenant (JG) T. Shelley



Information Paragraph

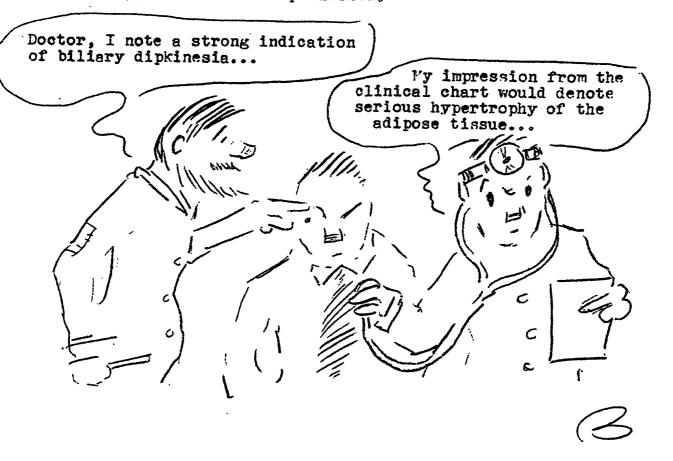
1. "The evil that man does lives after him." In the summer of 1912, the good old U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS manned by the third class of midshipmen, U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1915, dropped anchor and remained for several days in the harbor of PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

Twenty-five years later, one of the members of the Class, Ted Breed, cordially invites all members of 1915 to rendezvous at NATOMA, the home of his father, Mr. George Breed, WEST YARMOUTH, MASS., to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the occupation of PROVINCETOWN by the BALLYHOO MASSY. The members are scattered all over the world, but distance is no bar and a good crowd is expected, from within and without the Service.

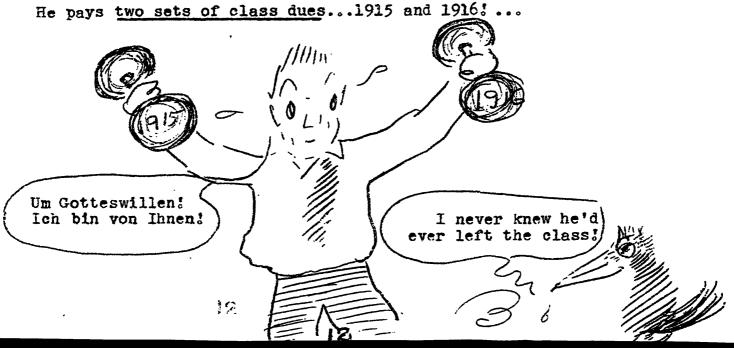
Highballs and luncheon at "NATOMA", - Tennis, baseful, boating, swimming, badminton, hot-hand, setting-up exercises, followed by a raid on Nord Calvert's summer home at OSTERVILLE, will occupy the afternoon. On Sunday evening, there will be a shore dinner at "NATOMA", including beer drinking endurance contest, night tennis and dancing. It is hoped and recommended that all members bring their wives, if any, one each.

No interference is expected from PROVINCETOWN, since twenty-five years erases and obliterates all clews. Distance thereto is about fifty miles, enabling such members as desire to renew old ties to make such a raid there as is desirable and safe.

- 2. This force will by exploiting favorable opportunities inflict damage on consumable supplies that may be contacted; renew old friendships and extend greetings in order to determine the capacities of all present.
- 3. (a) MAIN BODY concentrate at rendezvous prior 15 August, 1200.
 - (b) BEACH GUARD take charge Routine and Battalion Drill.
 - (c) DAMAGE CONTROL maintain stability and water-tight integrity, reduce casualties to material and personnel.
 - (d) MATE OF THE DECK make frequent soundings.
 - (e) EVAPORATOR run double effect. Ice and Seltzer.
 - (f) PHOTOGRAPHER make pictorial record.
 - (g) NAVIGATOR provide maps and sailing directions.
 - (h) BUGLER take charge of "hell cats".



Supreme weight-lifter in the class(Barring any!)..Bill Schott



- (x) Entrance Plan on Notice No. 2, Provincetown Reunion, 21 July 1937. Routine: 1200 Man the sheer pole of the main rigging. Splice the main brace. 1300 Pipe Down. 1400 General sports, swimming, croquet, lawn tennis, boating, etc.
- 4. Hotel accommodations at Hotel "Englewood" nearby. Landing field at HYANNIS, about two miles. Bring (a) swim suit (b) golf clubs or tennis racquet (c) sport clothes (d) alka seltzer or anything else that twenty five years experience suggests. Fueling schedule in Annex A.
- 5. Use Zone plus four time. Communications Plan A, in Annex B. Rendezvous at Seven Bells, West Yarmouth, Mass. Commander PROVINCETOWN Force with MAIN BODY in NATOMA.

TED BREED

Admiral

Commander Provincetown Force.

ANNEXES

- A. Fueling Schedule.
- B. Communication Plan A.

L. R. Moore Midshipman, fourth class, Secretary.

In Bulletin No. 4 we mentioned a suggestion from Sam Jenkins to have a loose leaf notebook prepared for distribution at our Reunion giving autobiographies of each member of the Class. At that time we put a tentative finger on Bill Granat who has always been a public spirited member of our Class.

Before we had received Bill's reaction to the project a number of Hunky Dunks wrote in putting thumbs down on the idea. Principal objection was that would be a springboard from which to dive into a pool of self praise, "What a great guy I am and have been, etc."

We declare the project dead and at the same time extend our thanks to Bill for agreeing to undertake a task in which he himself did not believe. An interview with "Horse" Pennoyer at the Chila Vista Golf Club. When interviewed, our subject was "dormie" two and deal in a deep bunker. Upon our broaching the subject of the reunion in '55, we got the usual Golfer's "reflex brush-off"



And what's more, they talk of a foot-ball game on Maturday afternoon:
Now Feg is'nt coming to Annapolis..she only gets as Mar as Washington..and
i therefore propose to play golf instead of sitting in the stand..Teamed
with the "Algerian Scourge" I issue a challenge to any pair of golfers in
the class...No, we cant count on Mitch: he'll probably be grouse hunting!
Did'nt you hear about his card to Belle on her birthday--sent up on the
breakfast tray?..Haw! haw!.."HAPPY BIRTHDAY BELLE! HAVE GONE HUNTING".Well
Pass that along and now maintain strict silence--just as if Vickrey was
present..I still have 230 yards to go. 14

Bill Schott, Diplomat

A report from Horse Pennoyer

Bill and Janet spent the week-end of the Army-Navy football game here in Coronado and we watched the game tegeh on T. V. in our home. I never enjoyed a get-together more in my life. Believe it or not, we didn't ease over to the bar for our first scotch and soda until the Navy led the Army 21-20 at the end of the 1st half, which was noon our time.

Bill is the same grand, intrepid guy that he always has been and always will be. In addition, he is a suave career diplomat in the very finest sense, his last post being Chief of Protocol for the Allied High Commission for Germany at Bonn. Although here in the land of T-shirts and blue jeans he was dressed as an ambassador to the very last inch. The suit was double breasted, of course, rigidly tailored of the finest quality dark, twilled cashmere. The necktie matched perfectly, but had a note of gaiety and brightness that befits morning wear and is in harmony with sporting events such as cricket and football matches viewed indoors on T.V. The monogrammed handkerchief was visible in the breast pocket at precisely the proper fraction of an inch - no more, no less. The homburg was worn at exactly the right angle both fore-and-aft and athwartships.

However, Bill reminded me that it was not strictly a homburg because the color had the faintest suggestion of a dark brown to relieve and soften the stark formality of the more orthodox model. And after much celebration far into the night, N + 1 scotches, martinis and champagne, Bill never batted an eye and not a hair was out of place.

Ed. note: As his permanent residence for retirement Bill has acquired a very modest but thoroughly modernized and comfortable chateau on the Rhine. The address is 8 Kamphausen, Bad Godesberg. Bonn, Petersburg, Germany.

Reflections on the class party, New York Yacht Club, Jan 5,1955,

Old French drinking song(Francis Poulenc)

"Les rois d'Egypte et de Syrie

Voulaient qu'on ambaumet leurs corps

Pour durer, plus longtemps morts.

Quelle follie! Buvons donc selon notre envie

Il faut boire et reboire et reboire encore.

Buvons donc toute notre vie,

Embaumons-nous avant la mort.

Embaumons-nous! Que ce baume est doux, etc"

Embaumons-nous: Que ce baume est doux.etc"

(Liberal translation)

"The kings of Egypt and syria

Wished to have their bodies embaumed

to last a long time after death.

What foolishness:Drink as you desire

One should drink and drink and drink again

Drink your whole life long

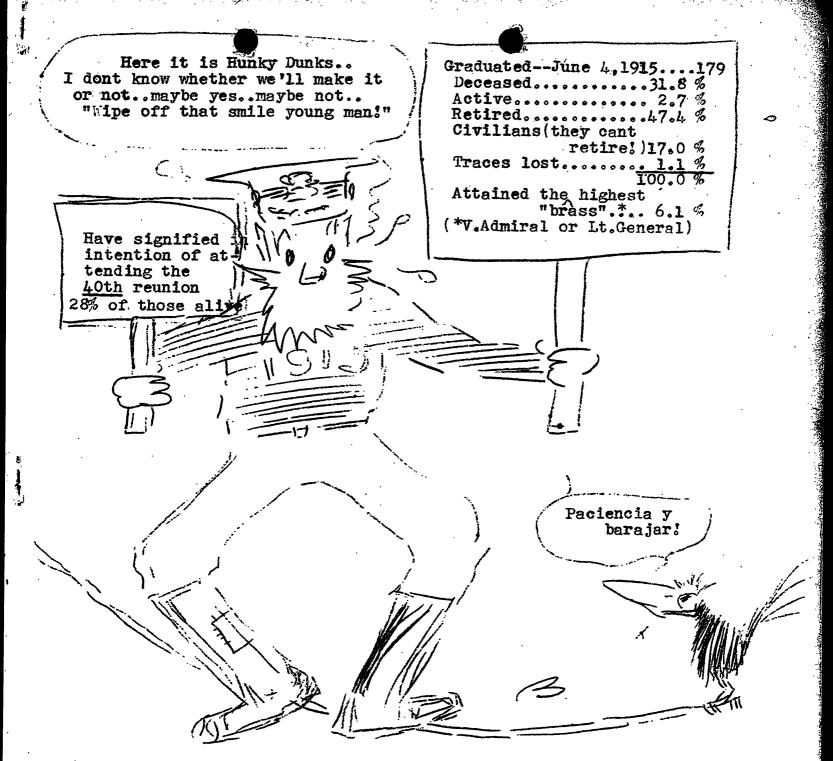
Embalm yourself before death:

Let us embalm ourselves: How sweet is this

embalming fluid;"



Date
TO: Como M.W. Hutchinson Jr. 6 Acton Place, Annapolis, Md. FROM:
I will) may) attend our 40th Reunion will not)
(If your answer is "will not", mail the form without filling in any further answers). I will be accompanied by
Thursday, 22 September (Unofficial)
Stag Dinner A & N Club (\$10.00 each) Yes or No Ladies Dinner (\$10.00 each) Yes or No
Friday, 23 September
Official Stag Lunch Carvel Hall (\$6.00 each) - Yes or No
USNA KT party and dinner (\$3.00 each) - Number coming
Saturday, 24 September
Buffet lunch Carvel Hall Number coming (\$2.00 each person)
Football game - Number coming Will you get your own tickets - Yes or No
(If you are not a member of the Athletic Association write to Hutch who will send you application blanks for football tickets which will be assigned in the 1915 block whether members or not. We are the honor guests that day and have first priority).
Dinner Carvel Hall with ladies Number coming (\$6.00 per person)
Do you desire hotel rooms in Washington? Annapolis? Other place?
Any choice in hotels? Double or single room? Room in private home?
(If staying with friends in Washington or Annapolis please give address
Do you desire guest card to Army & Navy Club, Washington, D.C Yes or No?
Check for \$ enclosed.
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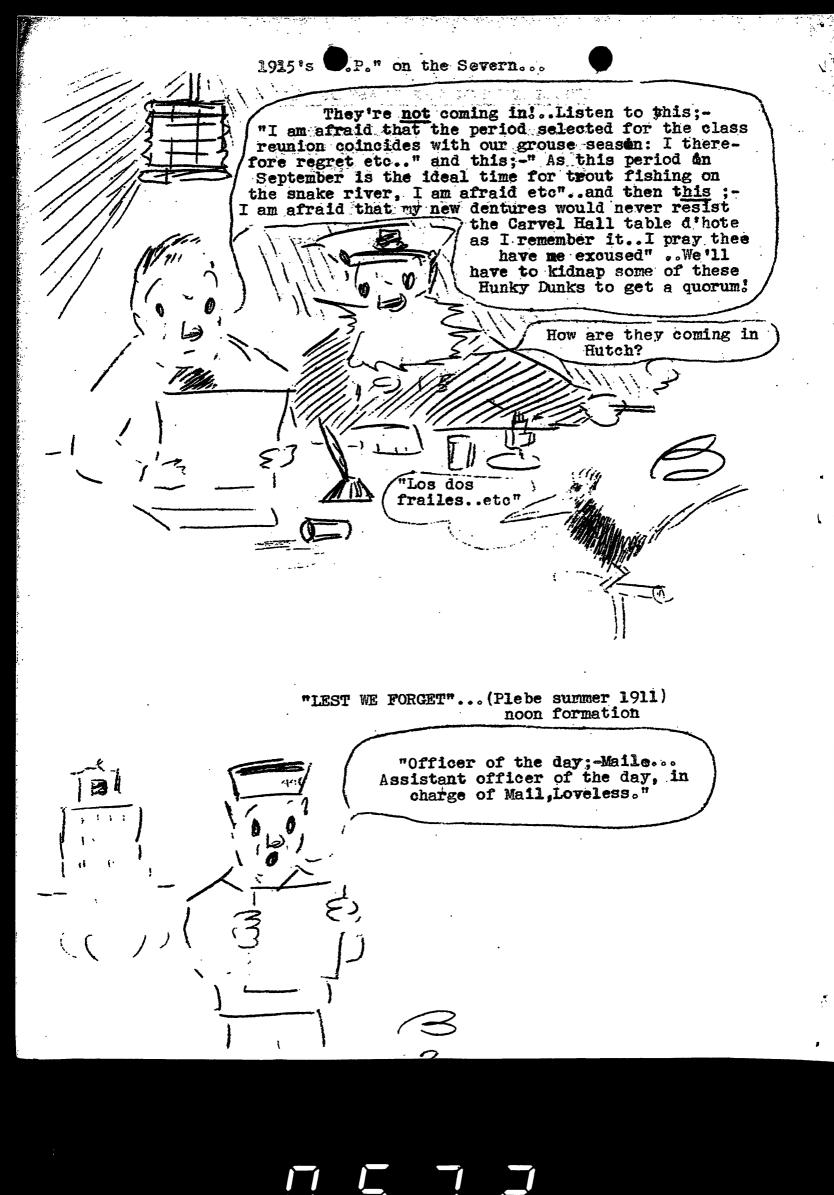
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40th Reunion

We are in receipt of an interim report from the Chairman of the Reunion Planning Committee which forecasts a fair attendance at our 40th Reunion. The thing that disturbs us more than somewhat is the fact that the majority of the class has been completely silent in spite of the urgent appeals made in the rejuvenated Bulletin. We suspect that procrastination is largely responsible for this apparent apathy, but whatever the cause, it is making things very difficult for Hutch and his planners.

On the following page we quote the present attendance status as given to us by Hutch. Please note that this report is as of 28 March and more replies may have been received since then.



Will Attend

Baker McCaffrey Blair McCormick Bodfish Mitchell Bowman Nelson, R.M. Breed Paddock Brown, T.G. Peck Chadwick Payton Chambers Powers Chippendale Ramsey Collins Quynn Eldredge Richards Glover Ritchie Godfrey Rockwell, J.H. Graf

Graf Rockwell, S.G.
Granat Schott
Henning Shelley
Horn Small
Hutchinson Sperry
Izac Stephan
Jenkins Struble

Lewis, C.E. Thomas, A.C. Lewis, J.M. Vickrey

Lusk

(Will not know until late in Summer).

Arnold
Easton
Harrison
Hazlett
Thomas, W.D.
Umsted

Will NOT attend

Burhen

Wotherspoon

Christie
Davis, A.C.
Delpino
Flynn
Howard
Low
Maher, S.A.
Moore
Nimitz
Preston
Scott

Wright

NO REPLY of any kind

Clark, R.W. Alexander Armstrong Clark, S.B. Clarke Bates Blood Cook Brown, J. P. Cooper Burnett Culbert Darrow Campman Davis, J.T. Clark, H.S.

NO reply (cont.)

del Valle Morgan Morris Dobyns Nelson, W. Dollarhide Dupre Oulton Overesch Dyer Fisher Parkinson Fortson Partello Gamble Pennoyer Grimm Perry Hough Pigman Huntcon Ray Kell Rhea Richardson Kinne Kirby Ring Schlossbach Kneip Kriner Shoemaker Laferty Smith Stedman Lamont Vickery (Mrs. H. L.) Leonard Walker (Mrs. M. J.) Lewis, L.S. Libenow Woodward

Libenow Woodwar
Lorenz Wagner
Maher, J.E. Watson
Marshall Winslow
McCrea Wood
Wynne

For use in arranging your budget following is the cost of rooms at Carvel Hall:

Twin bedroom with bath \$8.75 Single bedroom with bath 5.00

At our Class meeting in New York on January 5, reported in Bulletin No. 6, it was agreed that Lynde would attempt to arrange for the Reverend Bowman to preach the sermon on Sunday. We have just received a report that our Reverend classmate has written the Committee withdrawing his intention of attending the Reunion due to certain circumstances that had arisen. To us this is a disappointment flavored with some embarrassment as the Superintendent had asked the Chief of Chaplains to stand aside to let Bowman hold forth.

Another decision at our January meeting was no official class functions in Washington. In implementation of this decision Bill Granat has canceled the reservations he was holding for Thursday night at the Army and Navy Club in Washington.

The third item agreed in January was to reopen the question of a 1915 gift to the Naval Academy at our Reunion. As the result of a letter from Lynde to the Superintendent, Boone called a meeting of the Committee on Memorials and Exhibits at which we were represented by Hutch, Roy and Dick Richards. After considerable discussion the Committee came up with the following recommendations:

22 April 1955

From: Chairman, Committee on Memorials and Exhibits

To: Superintendent

Subj: Class of 1915 Gift; recommendations for

1. The Committee on Memorials and Exhibits met 18 April 1955 to make recommendations concerning a possible memorial, gift, or donation to be given to the Academy by the Class of 1915 during their forthcoming reunion.

2. Guidance was as follows:

A rough cost figure of \$700.00 along with suggestions to investigate possibility of a shell for the crew or some item for the new gymnasium.

3. Gist of the items discussed, listed in the order which the Committee recommends them, is as follows:

a. Window panel for St. Andrews Chapel:

Charles J. Connick, Associates, have submitted a design study, including typical color sketches, which is now in the Administrative Aide's office. In the Chapel there are a total of nine panels in groups of three which are to be filled. The study gives a cost of \$500.00 for each panel. A panel could not be manufactured and installed in time for the reunion.

b. Rank of pipes on the organ:

The organ is capable of being fitted with a number of additional ranks of pipes. Each additional rank is reported to cost approximately \$1200.00. Credit for the donation is envisioned as following the system used at West Point, which involves a suitable name plate installed near the organ. Completion of this project would hinge on considerable work to be done to the Chapel.

c. Drinking fountain behind Tecumseh:

This was considered desirable because there are only two fountains in this part of the Yard, one on the walk leading up

to the Chapel and the other at the foot of the terrace near the tennis courts. No cost figures available.

d. Choir benches:

The present choir benches are not of the same design or type of wood as the remaining woodwork around the pulpit. New benches of a design in keeping with the other woodwork would be desirable. It was learned that last year Commodore Wentworth investigated this item in connection with a possible gift by the Class of 1912 and received a rough estimate of \$7300.00 from the M.P. Moeller, Co., Hagerstown, Maryland, for a complete installation of all new benches plus some additional items. However, the possibility exists that the end boards on the choir pews facing the congregation might be replaced or refinished for around \$700.00, without replacing the whole set of pews.

e. Historical painting - portrait or sculpture:

Captain DeWeese brought out that he is advised from time to time by art dealers when various art objects of possible interest to the Naval Academy are placed on the market. Often these have been desirable objects for the Naval Academy, but by the time funding can be arranged in the normal manner the object is no longer available. The Class might make arrangements through Captain DeWeese for such a purchase.

J. T. LOWE, Jr.

The Committee was told that nothing could be official from the Class until after the September reunion so that if another class steps in on the ideas in the meantime we could not object. The reaction of our representatives was to turn thumbs down on the drinking fountain, but that items (a), (b) and the last part of (d) or (e) might prove attractive to the class.

The Superintendent was sounded out on the possibility of a boat or shell for the crews, but the Academy has all the boats they can take care of at present and the Athletic Association has ample cash to buy new shells, so the idea was cold-shouldered. Possibly by Fall there might be something come up in the way of things for the new field house for which piling is now being driven, in which case Boone will let us know.

The rough plan of our volunteer Memorial Committee is to have a bunch of pledge cards ready to pass out at the reunion and to mail to those who cannot attend.

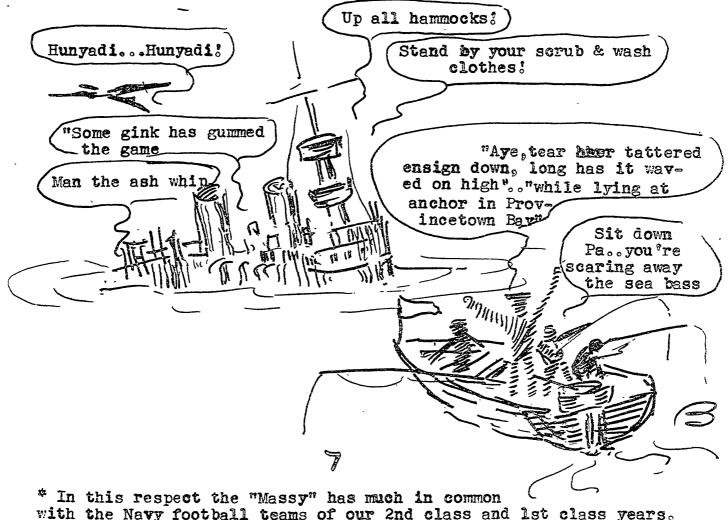
Our thanks go out to those responsible for this spadework which is most timely and will give us an opportunity to study, the various proposals and possibilities before the whole matter is thrown open to discussion at our reunion.

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An expedition backed by the Admiral Trenchard Section of the Newy least and hed by Dick Richard and son conently in-vestigated the wreck of the "Massy", lynd on the rocks just as she has been since sunk by Army bombs*....Dick, in his report indicated that the Massy was more submerged than when last photographed and that much had been swept away either by the sea or by wandals. Still, the wreck remains as a "danger to navigation" and the fishing is fine in and around the old superstructure and #1 turret.. It is to be regretted that Dick sent no photographic records with his report, but he did say that he saw many fish swimming around the decks where we once scrubbed hammocks and studied the leaning rest. . AND that they were not gold fish either . . Dick's experience was unique and he should be called on for a full account at the reunion.. It will be EMOTIONAL, SENSATIONAL? Think of the shades that fluttered around him "Cutey" Robinson, Capt Stickney, "Walt" Decker, Exec Curtain, Taylor, Culbertson. . . and perhaps old red bearded C. B. M"Smitty" and Turret Captain Gunnerson: It's a wonder he reached home without collapse.

In his report Dick made one interesting suggestion; -that since the class had shown no interest in a memorial at the U.S.N.A., that it might be interested in placing a dedicatory plaque on the foremast of the Massy, which, we gather, is about all that now remains above water...He did not suggest any inscription, but here is our chance: . "A menace to Navigation" might not be a bad idea for a class memorial; at least a warning to posterity that a summer training cruise such as we had in 1912 has many unfortunate consequences and that we are extremely hard to rally for a 40th reunion, etc. A committee should be appointed immediately to consider this matter seriously. Noother memorial is in sight. The Academy needs nothing:

Mone of us have come up with any suitable idea so far.



with the Navy football teams of our 2nd class and 1st class years.

In the last Bulletin our plea for someone to give us Hoke Smith's address met with positive response from several sources, including Hoke himself. Here it is:

Vice Admiral A. E. Smith (Ret.)
"Thousand Pines"
1000 West 134th Street
Seattle 77, Washington.

Now can anyone help us to find Hukus Wynne?

Bulletin No. 6 was printed and mailed before we received the sad news of the death of Harold O'D Hunter in February. He served with conspicuous success as dean of men and chairman of the mathematics department at Hillyer College. Burial was in Cider Brook Cemetery, Avon, Conn. Our deepest sympathy to his widow and family.

Here are some corrected addresses:

Chandler (Mrs. T.E.)

2127 California Street N. W.

Washington, D.C.

Graf, H. W.

3453 Hamilton Avenue

Sarasota, Fla.

Kell, C.O.

Marietta Mfg. Co. Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Tecumseh at Annapolis

Ted Breed's eagle eye is responsible for spotting the following letter to the editor of the Herald Tribune of February 26, 1955. The subject is most topical on the eve of our deliberations concerning a class gift to the Naval Academy.

"To the N.Y. Herald Tribune:

"The obituary in your issue of Feb. 5 of the late Commander Raymond Asserson, U.S.N. retired, was of considerable interest to one who knew many in the earlier generations of Asserson. At the

Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., in the early 1880s, my father was Captain of the Yard and the late Rear Admiral Peter C. Asserson was the Civil Engineer there, that being his naval title in those years.

"I was often a visitor in his house at the Navy Yard in Brooklyn. He was the Civil Engineer (still with that title) or public works officer of the Navy Yard and of the naval district, his duty being under the general direction of the Bureau of Yards & Docks in the Navy Department. He was never Commandant of the (3d) Naval District.

"That Rear Admiral Peter C. Asserson presented the Statue of Tecumseh to the Naval Academy is news to me and other imembers and relatives of the Naval Academy Class of 1891, of whom three graduates survive. Our class subscribed the full cost of doing in bronze the old wooden statue of Tecumseh that had stood in the Academy grounds for many decades, the "God of a 2.5" or passing mark.

"In June, 1931, most of the survivors of '91 assembled at the Academy to celebrate our fortieth anniversary and the occasion was marked by our class as a body making formal presentation of our gift to the then superintendent for the Naval Academy.

REGINALD R. BELKNAP, Madison, Conn., Feb. 10, 1955."

Steve's Stuff

Ed. note: I don't know how you feel about it, but I get pretty sentimental about the support Steve Rockwell has given to every class enterprise that has arisen in the past 40 years. You have read something by him in each of the new Bulletins. Steve was evidently conscious of the frequent use of his by-line because on March 30 he wrote me and said:

"Haven't written you for 2 reasons, (1) I have run fresh out of material and my old brain can't recall anything worthwhile to write you about; (2) after diligently studying all the Bulletins and seeing beaucoup material from me I sort of got the idea somebody else ought to get aboard as the gang might get tired of reading the same authors all the time."

I replied to Steve that he was one of three classmates who provided me with material readily adaptable to Bulletin uses - the remainder was culled from bits and pieces from all available sources. So good old Steve took his pen in hand and produced the following. Although the policy of the new Bulletin is never to quote letters verbatim I am making a modified exception in this case, and when you have read it I think you will agree with me.

T.S.

I view with alarm the apparent doldrums into which our classmates are drifting when it comes to making their intentions known as to the Class Reunion. I'll bet every one of those guys waited until April 15 to file their income tax return!

Of course, I appreciate it will mean a real sacrifice (self included) to make a 2000-mile round trip for a reunion. However, as I explained to my cooperative wife, I would rather make the sacrifice now than spend the rest of my life regretting that I did not attend.

Furthermore, we are not kids anymore and do not have to travel in our car at 60-70 miles per hour, or try to drink all the likker in sight, or eat up all the canapes and hors d'oeuvres like Rafe Bates used to do. I flash back to Rafe at our cocktail party at the Penn A.C. after an Army-Navy game. The maitre d'hotel had placed a beautiful 7-decker stand of hors d'oeuvres in the center of the table - topped with a nice dish of chilled shrimp. What Rafe did to those shrimp was a crime and late comers were out of luck. Then the son-of-a-gun tried to steal Ted Breed's masterpiece - a painting of a Hunky Dunk. It is true, I think that he used Rafe's face for his subject, but I rescued the painting, and still have it. After all, Ted and I did most of the work.

I have only one eye, one ear, and spare parts in other sections of my anatomy, but come hell or high water I'll be there. After all, my wife can drive as well as I can, and I console myself with the thought that II months after I'll be getting my social security check - a slight return on the good taxes I paid in while I was a hard working shipbuilder.

I say to myself we can't all be big shots in industry or 4 star admirals, but I'd rather be a "has been" than a "never was". So to hell with regrets over our misspent lives and let's all get together and drink to those who come after us.

It takes me back to 1922 when Ranney Adams, George Grove and Dan Armstrong - all just out of the Navy - came to my office at Staten Island Ship and proudly displayed their civilian clothes and told me of their new jobs. We all had dinner at the D.K.E. Club, at that time just across the street from the N.Y. Yacht Club. Jimmy Hawes - then Mr. Fraternity himself - told me, "Steve, I've never had the pleasure of meeting a finer group of men." Well, you know the rest - all made a wonderful success in life before the Good Lord took them.

I was so proud of them as classmates. The same thing, under somewhat different circumstances, has happened to all of us many times during the past 35 years and I know we will always get that thrill whenever we meet classmates again.

Looking back over this letter I don't know why in hell I am rambling along like this, but I do hope every one of us busts a gut if necessary to be in Crabtown for our 40th.

P.S. Ann read your letter about the rigor mortis and the old men. She, then, came up with the following (apologies to the poet Shelley):-

Ashes to ashes

Dust to dust

If the Lord don't take us

Our 40th must.

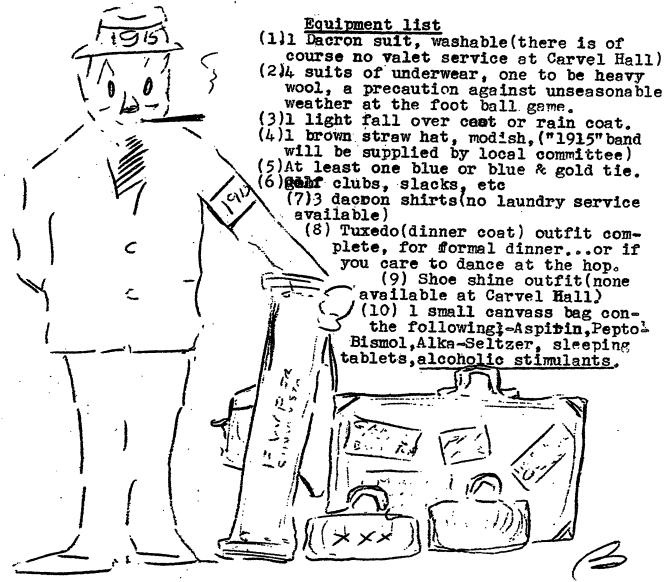
S. J. R.

We note in Shipmate that Mackey Lewis has been nominated as a director of the Alumni Association. Like Steve and one or two others I could mention, Mackey is a classmate who has retained his dynamic approach to all matters affecting his class or his alma mater. We wish him luck.

. Extra-Curricular

In addition to his many other talents Ted Breed is an amateur ice skater of some renown - enhanced, no doubt, by the clipping we recently received from the Philadelphia Enquirer announcing that he had been the first to put the "Samba" on ice - as an ice dance. It appears that there were none in the books, and none of the pros or ice choreographers knew the Samba. So Ted, in his usual thorough way, went out and studied it with some dance professionals at Arthur Murray's and then applied it to ice-skating steps. As a result, according to the Enquirer, Ted Breed has opened a new field of pleasure to ice-skaters the world over.

See you at the 40th -Tuely. Inasmich as there seems to be considerable confusion as to the amount of equipment required to successfully complete the 3 or 4 days at a reunion, the following suggestions are offered to those of the class of 1915; The figures arrived at are based on research covering all the post war reunions. Conformance to the requirements is entirely voluntary but urged. One of our well-known golfers has consented to pose with the equipment he has already assembled in his California home and which is complete in every detail. Classmates are warned however, that no attempt has been made to suggest the amount of equipment that wives should carry, but past experience warns us that in volume it will be about double that of the male.



(11) Anather small canvas bag containing the following; miscellaneous horsey D'ouevres, emergency rations and alcoholic stimulants. marked XXX ... The St. Bernard Bag"

Numbers 10 and 11 are suggested as a great aid to manoeuvrability
to our column in case we find the service poor and the bars jammed.
..the medical kit will prevent many casualties such as befell the
class of 1914.

(12) pajamas(if ordinarily worn) and toilet articles..thermos bottle and "Renuzit"(No valet service available at Carvel Hall) One large suit case should carry all listed equipment and to spare. "1915" arm band will be supplied by local committee upon arrival at H.Q..Canes and crutches will be supplied on demand.

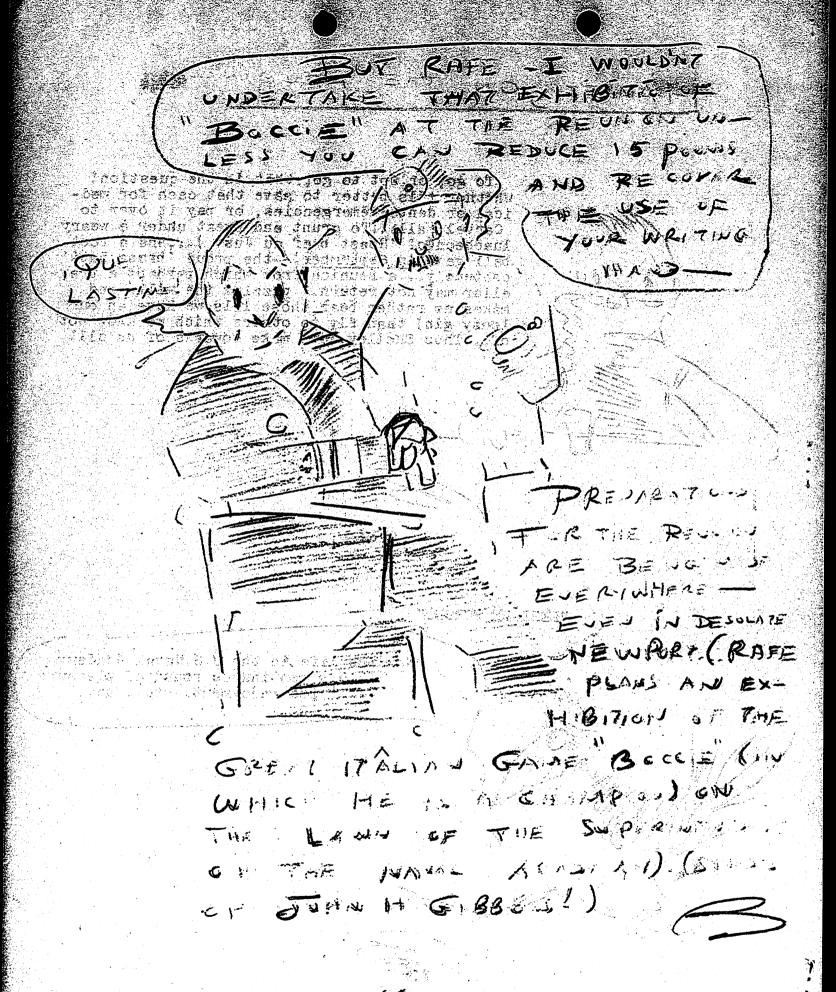
1-1 AMLET , ON THE REUMON ---

To go, or not to go, that is the question! Whether t'is better to save that cash for medical or dental emergencies, or pay it over to Carvel Hall...To grunt and sweat under a weary luncheon@of 'Roast beef au Jus')...and a football game in September!—the proud 'brass hats' contumely...a reunion from which perhaps a traveller may not return...puzzlek the will, and makes us rather bear those ills we have (an our lousy gin) than fly to others which we know not of...Thus Shelley doth make cowards of us all!

"LEST WE FORGET"

"Now the life in the U.S.Naval Academy is one continuous round of pleasure and enjoyment..etc..etc.."











REUNION REPORT

BULLETIN

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CLASS OF 1915 USNA Nº8 NOVEMBER 1955

ASSOCIATION OF THE CLASS OF 1915

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- Dick Richards

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40th Reunion

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This informal report of our 40th Reunion is written after two months mellowed retrospect and is intended primarily for those who were unable to be with us.

Attendance

Baker Henning Peyton Bates Horn Powers Bodfish Huntoon Quynn Bowman . Hutchinson Ray Breed Izac Rhea Chadwick Kinne Richards Chambers Kirby Richardson Chippendale Lewis, C.E. Ritchie Lewis, J.M. Rockwell, J.H. Clark, H.S. Rockwell, S.G. Clark, S.B. Lonergan del Valle Lusk Schlossbach Easton Maher, J.E. Shelley Eldredge | Marshall Small Sperry Fortson McCaffrey Gamble McCormick Stephan Glover McCrea Struble Nelson, R.M. Thomas, A.C. Godfrey Graf Oulton Umsted Granat Paddock Vickrey · Hazlett Peck Winslow Wood, G. H.

In addition to the 61 Hunky Dunks there were 48 wives, two sons and five widows, making a grand total of 116.

This is a Naval Academy record for a 40th Reunion.

All local arrangements were in the capable hands of Hutch and his efficient committee. More about them later.

Shirt Agrand Shind & March Friday morning, September 23, was 1915 Registration Day at Carvel Hall. At the top of the stately-stairway to the lobby one was confronted with a long table behind which Hutch and his committee greeted new arrivals, had them sign the book and handed out arm bands, lapel badges, programs, billeting assignments and bills for any unpaid obligations.

The first function was our Class luncheon and business meeting on Friday. This being our only stag function the ladies were accomodated elsewhere in the hotel.

Our Reverend classmate Hammond Bowman called the roll of the 63 classmates who have gone to their great reward.

The luncheon was a combination of liquids and solids blended in such proportion that everyone wanted to speak at once when time came for the business meeting.

(1) Election of class officers

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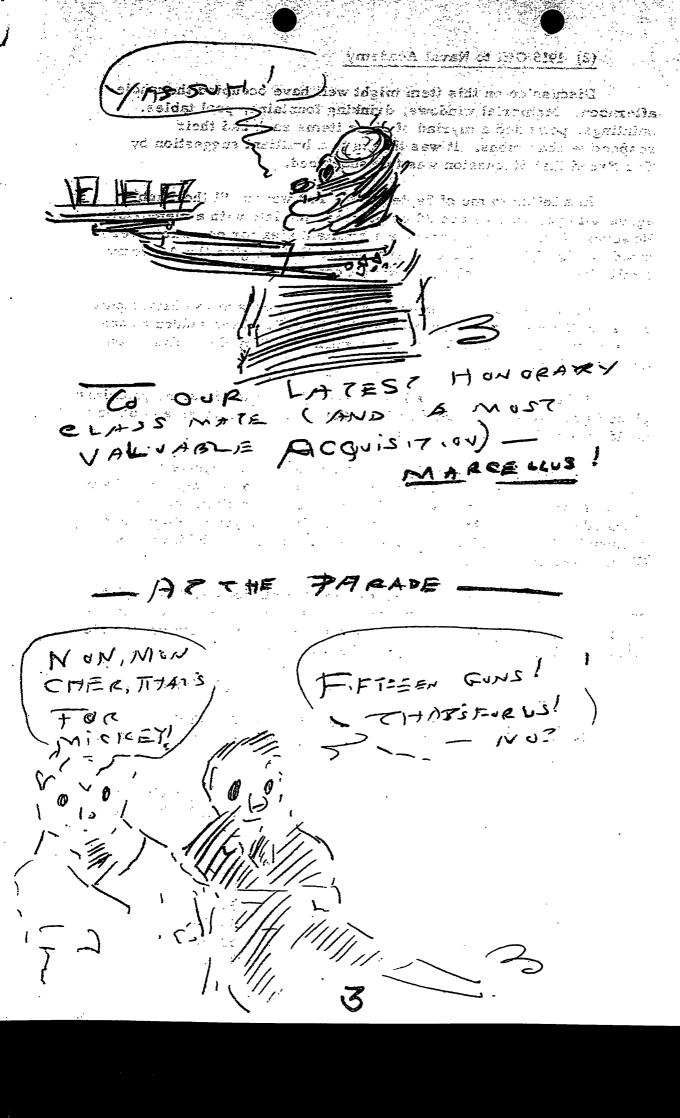
You will recall that two years ago Ted Breed and I decided to rejuvenate the Glass Bulletin in the hope that we might rekindle sufficient class spirit to make possible a 40th Reunion. At a class cocktail party held in New York it was agreed that I would serve as Secretary and Claude Vickrey as Treasurer, both appointments to be temporary and subject to Class action at the Annapolis reunion.

Writing, printing and mailing the Bulletin from London was at best an emergency measure designed to raise steam in the class boilers.

When Hutch privately indicated that although not a candidate he would do his best if elected the battle was over.

By unanimous acclaim Hutch thus became the regularly elected Secretary of the Class to take office on publication of this Bulletin.

Claude Vickrey likewise was unanimously elected Class Treasurer.



(2) 1915 Gift to Naval Academy

Discussion on this item might well have occupied the whole afternoon. Memorial windows, drinking fountains, pool tables, paintings, pews and a myriad of other items each had their respective champions. It was thanks to a brilliant suggestion by Ted Breed that discussion was foreshortened.

In a letter to me of September 3 Ted wrote: "I thoroughly agree with you that we are 30 or 35 years too late with a memorial. However, I have what I consider a brilliant idea for one who never stood really high in the class, and that is that we give the Academy a full size bronze model of the Navy Goat.

"You have perhaps been in Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia and seen the goat there that all the kids in Phila. have ridden at one time or another in their lives. It is worn bright by their sliding on and off its back.

"We could do this easily and have it installed in some prominent place in the Academy grounds where the officers' children and others could ride it during their outings.

"It would be most original and not half as expensive as a main gate for instance. I know the man to do it too - Roger Burnham of Los Angeles - the man who did that magnificent statue of General MacArthur that Mac himself unveiled earlier this year. Roger is a personal friend of mine and I would be glad to approach him if the Class gives an affirmative vote."

This seemed to be the answer we had all been seeking. Not only is it a traditional Navy symbol, but surely no class that ever went through the Naval Academy could more appropriately perpetuate itself than by such a statue - 1915, the Goat class.

The idea was put before the class and carried with acclaim.

Only two steps remained before going ahead with the plan - to raise money and to receive the assent of the Superintendent of the Naval Academy.

Dick Richards was ready for the first step with previously printed pledge cards which were immediately circulated. The results were:

Bates, R.W.	\$150.00
Bodfish, H.	100.00
Bowman, W.H.	50.00
Breed, E.	100.00
Chadwick, J. H.	50.00
Chambers, I.R. (if needed, up to)	500.00

Chippendale, B.W.	\$ 30.00
Clark, H.S. Jr.	25.00
Clark, S. B.	100.00
Del Valle, P.A.	60.00
Easton, G.H.	40 00
Fortson, R. M.	200.0
Fortson, R.M. Glover, R.O.	100.00
Godfrey, V. H.	60.00
Graf, H. W.	10.00
Hazlett, E.E. Jr.	100.00
Henning, S.R.	60.00
Horn, R. de S.	10.00
Hutchinson, M.W.	Jr. 60.00
Kinne, M.T.	100.00
Kirby, L.	50.00
Lewis, J.M.	50.00
Lusk, J.C.	50.00
Maher, J.E.	100.00
McCaffrey, F.A.	60.00
McCormick, L.D.	100.00
Nelson, R.M.	50.00
Oulton, Geo.	25.00
Paddock, H.E.	30.00
Pennoyer, F.W. Jr.	50.00
Ray, J.S.	50.00
Rhea, P.M.	75.00
Richards, F.G.	170.00
Ritchie, O.H.	50.00
Rockwell, S.G.	20.00
Small, J.D.	100.00
Shelley, T.	100.00
Sperry, M.L.	300.00
Struble, A.D.	100.00
Thomas, A.C.	100.00
Umsted, S.	50.00
Vickrey, C.C.	50.00
Winslow, W.A.	100.00
Wood, G.H.	75.00

Paid so far

Nelson, R.M. 50.00 (Mailed his check in with pledge card October 1, 1955)

Si Lonergan promised to underwrite the entire cost of the goat, up to \$5,000.00 - with hopes of getting most of it back from the classmates.

\$3,810.00

Following present for at least part of the Reunion. Did not turn in pledge cards due to absence from lunch:

Baker, R.N.S.
Eldredge, H.G.
Gamble, M.G.Jr.
Granat, W.
Huntoon, F.C.
Izac, E.V.M.
Lewis, C.E.
Marshall, P.

McCrea, J.L.
Peck, De W.
Peyton, T.G.
Powers, M.W.
Quynn, A.G.
Richardson, C.G.
Rockwell, J.H.
Schlossbach, I.
Stephan, A.R.

Following not at Reunion:

Alexander, W.D. Armstrong, L.V. Arnold, M.B. Blair, R.H. Blood, W.E. Brown, J.P. Brown, T.G. Burhen, R. Burnett, H.P. Campman, J. H. Christie, R.W. Clark, R.W. Clarke, H.D. Collins, D.M. Cook, J.C. Cooper, M.C. Culbert, F.P. Darrow, R.T. Davis, A.C. Davis, J.T.

Delpino, J.C. Dobyns, G.B. Dollarhide, E.S. Dupre, D.D. Dyer, P.L. Fisher, H. A. Flynn, C.W. Grimm, H.F. Harrison, H. H. H. Howard, A.F. Jenkins, S.P. Kneip, J. B. Kriner, G.C. Laferty, P.G. Lamont, G.P. Leonard, N. J. Lewis, L.S. Libenow, F.R. Lorenz, W.J.

So far as it goes this is a very satisfactory response. As we are not yet aware of the cost of the project we feel we should raise as much money as possible. Any surplus would of course revert to the Treasury.

Dick Richards is in charge of collecting the funds and will ask classmates to redeem their pledges or, if not present at the meeting, to make a contribution.

The next step was to obtain Naval Academy approval for the project. We are glad to say that this has been done and we quote the following exchange of correspondence pertinent to the subject.

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At the 40th Reunion of the Class of 1915 on September 23 in Annapolis, the matter of offering a gift to the Naval Academy was discussed and voted on.

It was unanimously agreed that as a Class we would like to present a life size bronze replica of the Navy goat to be erected in the Academy grounds in some agreed location near the football stadium. We plan to employ the services of a nationally known sculptor to cast this replica and have already raised a considerable sum of money by pledges and otherwise to assure the success of our idea.

Before proceeding further we respectfully request your approval of the project.

This request is countersigned by Vice Admiral Struble who has agreed to serve as Chairman of the 1915 Gift Committee should approval be forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

Tully Shelley, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.)

A.D. Struble, Vice Admiral, U.S.N.

Office of the Superintendent United States Naval Academy Annapolis, Maryland

25-44-55 28 October 1955

Rear Admiral Tully Shelley, USN (Ret.) Imperial House 80, Regent Street London, W.1, England

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Dear Tully,

Thank you for your letter of 17 October 1955 stating that at the 40th Reunion of the Class of 1915 on 23 September, in Annapolis, the Class unanimously agreed to offer as a gift to the Naval Academy a life size replica of the Navy goat. I note with interest that the Class plans to employ the services of a nationally known sculptor to cast this replica and has already raised a considerable amount of money by pledges and otherwise to assure the success of this idea.

On behalf of the United States Naval Academy, I accept with pleasure this offer of the Class of 1915.

I should like to request that the Class leave the decision as to the specific location of the statue to the Superintendent. This is customary with all gifts to the Naval Adademy as obviously a Superintendent can not promise that any object will remain in one location permanently. Furthermore, with regard to this specific gift, interesting possibilities are raised by the new Gymnasium and Field House now building and by the projected new stadium.

I should be glad if you would convey to the Class my genuine appreciation of their kind and generous offer to the Naval Academy.

Very best regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Fred

W.F. BOONE Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy Superintendent

The deck is now clear for action. Rip Struble who has kindly consented to spearhead the project will appoint his own committee.

And now to return to the rest of the festivities during the reunion weekend.

A special dress parade was held on Worden field Friday afternoon and we all thrilled with pride that our Lynde took the salute. The 15 guns he received was also appropriate to the occasion.

That evening was the annual gigantic homecoming cocktail party in the Armory followed by a "serpentine" march to the mess hall for chow.

TOSC REUNION REPORTS: # I

"IT WAS GLORIOUS BUT WE

PRRIVED HOME BASKET CASES!"!

(AMON)



POST REVION REPORTS #2

GLORIOUS BUT DEPRESSING AFTER

SAW THE PHOTO TRAPHS!"- (ANOW)



Saturday's functions included a noon buffet at Carvel Hall followed by the William and Mary football game which was played in the rain and which Navy won by the deceptively low score of 7-0.

The highlight of our Class banquet that night was the presentation of the Grandfathers Cup to Hobart Rockwell who was a clear winner with 10 boys, 7 girls and 1 embryo (17.1/2 points). In the speech of the evening he told us how he did it. Hammond Bowman, runner-up, spoke on behalf of the failures.

Sunday in the Chapel climaxed 1915 weekend with our Reverend Bowman in the pulpit. He delivered a magnificent sermon which provided the spark to make us all say as we broke up to go to our homes "This is truly the best reunion we have ever had."

Random Reunion Notes

We cannot praise too highly the magnificent efficiency of the Reunion Planning Committee under the Chairmanship of Hutch and composed of Henning, Horn, Chester Lewis, Lusk, Richards, Granat, Izac; Marshall, Quynn, and Wotherspoon.

In Steve's words: - Hutch's job was a masterpiece of lògistics and attention to detail. The entire committee blended like good whisky."

A surprise event at our Banquet was the presentation to me of a silver cigarette box by Hutch in the name of the class. The inscription reads:-

TULLY SHELLEY

An appreciation of 40 years of fostering class spirit from
The Class of 1915

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There were rumors that Carvel Hall was seriously considering labelling Suites A. to H. inc. a disaster area and there was some talk of appealing to Washington for Federal aid.

Annapolis spies report that our casualty list was about normal percentagewise:

Hutch has already received a few letters with suggestions for the reunion in 1960 and 1965.

Marcellus was elected an Honorary member of the Class of 1915.

Bouquets:

"It was remarkable to see so large a turn-out since our class has been so disjointed all these years. Helena and I enjoyed it all so much and maybe, thanks to you, we really have a 1915 Class, 'rejuvenated' and reunited."

Bill Granat.

"In spite of my many misgivings there wasn't a moment of the whole time to be regretted. From the start, with the noisy, boisterous cocktail and luncheon period, to the end, with the stirring and emotional chapel service, it was magnificent.

"You had many helpers of course - but it was you who sparkplugged the whole thing - and it is to you therefore that we owe our gratitude. There is so much to be said, and I'm so illy equipped to say it, that I guess I will have to settle for the simplest way - Thank You!!"

Frank Huntoon.

"To me the crowning point of the reunion was Hammond Bowman and the Chapel service. Hammond reminds me of the Man called Peter (Marshall) and I'll have to confess my old cataract eyes were wet several times Sunday morn."

Steve Rockwell.

"If we live to be 100 it would still be just about the nicest thing that ever happened to us."

Ann Rockwell.

According to a report from Claude Vickrey, your Treasurer, our class balance as of October 5 is \$1,494.83. This is independent of the fund being raised to pay for the class gift and is used for running expenses.

Dick Richards unwittingly caused a few moments of diplomatic uncertainty. He had his pledge cards printed in advance for a class memorial. These same cards were used for Goat pledges. Later that night I received quite a few sour looks from some of our female contingent. Seems they were indignant that I would propose a goat as a memorial to our departed classmates. In case there are any others laboring under a similar delusion please be advised that the Goat is a gift and not a memorial.

It wouldn't be a Bulletin without a few words from Steve Rockwell. Here is what he says:

"I feel it my duty to help you out with your Swan Song so I am jotting down my usual gibberish for you to use - if at all - as you see fit. To be sure, you must understand that your retirement is à la Sarah Bernhardt - not necessarily final - perhaps only until your return to God's country. Also, you may forget - you were duly elected Editor Emeritus of the Bulletin. Your election was sponsored by the sole sober member of the class (name and address on application). Your election took place while you were successfully restoring chaos out of confusion.

"Your remarks and those of other classmates about my contribution to the Class were far beyond my just desserts, but Ann and I loved 'em all even tho' they did smack of the hyperbole.

"In any event I want Hutch and all the rest to feel free to call upon me for my 2 cents worth anytime I can be of help. The 40th Reunion showed me a thousand percent profit on my investment.

"God bless you and all the other wonderful Bums, and we hope to see you all at the unveiling of the Goat.

Steve."

And so, Hutch, before passing the mantle of office to your capable shoulders, I would just like to pay a personal public tribute to a few particular Hunky Dunks who have made possible the completion of my mission:

To Ted Breed, for his enthusiasm, initiative and imagination.

To Rip Struble, for his consistently wise guidance.

To Claude Vickrey, for his quiet efficiency in providing me with editorial ammunition.

To Hutch, for so magnificently implementing an idea conceived by Ted and me some two years ago.

To all the area representatives for their loyal support in digging up the bodies.

And finally at the risk of again "smacking of the hyperbole" to Steve Rockwell who always comes across when asked and sometimes before.

Well, it's all yours, Hutch. If you handle this job half as well as the Reunion arrangements the old class spirit is surely on the up and up. Emeritus or Demeritus I will give you a Foreign letter whenever you ask.

So long for now.

July.

THUNKY DUNK HUNKY-DUNKY TUNE 4, 1965 IORY - ETC. RIDE 'EM COMBOY! !AY QUE RISA! NICE GOING, Tull 1915 CLASS OF 1915 U.S.N.A. TOTHE the No.1 JANUARY 1956

LATE FLASH 8

Word has just been received as this goes to press, that Paul Culbert died on 23 January in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Paul was a pioneer naval aviator. He retired from the Navy in 1923 and spent several years in France as European manager for R.C.A. and later with the United Aircraft Export Company. He was Vice Consul at Dakar, in West Africa, and helped prepare for the American invasion of North Africa in World War II. Hutch took him aboard his ship, the U.S.S. Edward Rutledge, and landed him with British Army personnel, at Fedala, about half an hour before the Rutledge was torpedoed and sunk.

Cully later was Deputy Civil Affairs officer in Morocco. He leaves his widow, Solange, three sons and two stepchildren. Funeral services were held in St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Wiscasset, Maine, and burial was at Greenwood Cemetary, Brooklyn, New York on Friday, 27 January. Flowers were sent from the class of 1915.

We deeply regret to announce this sad news, and extend the utmost sympathy from the class to Solange and her family.

Secretary Treasurer Chairman, 1915 Gift Committee Treasurer, Goat Pledge Fund Hutch Hutchinson Claude Vickrey Rip Struble Dick Richards

Area Representatives

East Claude Vickrey
West Skeeter Mitchell
Midwest Si Lonergan
South Steve Rockwell
Texas & La. Mackey Lewis

1915 Gift Committee

Rip Struble - Chairman
Dick Richards
Ted Breed
Rafe Bates
Tully Shelley
Grot Wood
Hutch Hutchinson (ex officio)

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Your new class Secretary took over on 1 January 1956, and had every good intention of getting out his first effort on 10 January. But the 8th came around and it found him carted off to the Naval Hospital. It all started with the little old flu bug, but developed into acute tonsillitis. After the good care received at the hospital, he is now home and back on the ball.

This Bulletin may be a little late, but - here it is! I have no records or files, so everthing will be from scratch. However, I still have my 1915 Lucky Bag!

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Rip Struble called a portion of his "Goat Committee" together in New York on Friday, 6 January 1956. A part of Ted Breed's letter on this subject is quoted for general information — "Yesterday we had a small class meeting (Committee on the Goat) in New York —— we met at the famous Spanish Restaurant, 'Cafe Fornos', which, by the way, should now become the Class Headquarters. It is absolutely unchanged since I knew it in the first year that prohibition ended. It is the headquarters for all Spanish hidalgos, grandees, etc, and I have personally seen the Duca de las Asturias and the great bull-fighter, Manolete there —— We had a magnificent dinner washed down with several quarts of Jerez de la Frontera and Blanco Seco——Tully stuck to 'something on the rocks' like a good visiting Britisher. Rip arrived in all his regalia of Vice-Admiral, head Naval Attache at U.N.——and you should have seen the service he got, especially after his Aide, a full commander arrived, and his official car, driven by a bluejacket drove up to the door, and held it,— 1915 was on the map! The Padrone will always welcome anyone from our class, I am sure!

We heard Rip's plans for the Goat Project, which he, as Chairman of the Committee, is initiating. He is going at it in a very broad and sensible way—the competition is open—Grot Wood's wife, Frances, and Rafe Bates have uncovered other sculptors that are interested, and there may be others.

"GOAT COMMITTEE"

- l. The following have agreed to serve as members of the "Goat Committee" Rafe Bates; Ted Breed; Dick Richards; Tully Shelley and Grot Wood. I believe Hutch will also serve, although he may not wish to be a full-time member.
- 2. Ted Breed has proposed: "There is one thing however that should not be forgotten, and that is, that the statue should not be out of reach of the youngsters. My idea was that they would be able to "ride it" as they do in Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia."
- 3. The Superintendent has indicated that he would prefer having the statue in the new field house where they will have a big room 40°x 20° with eleven foot ceiling marked as a trophy room.
- 4. The Committee will meet shortly to appraise the "location" problem in Annapolis and then later meet in New York to settle the "sculptor" and "contract" problems.

Rear Admiral F. G. Richards, USN 120 Duke of Gloucester Street Annapolis, Maryland

6. The "goat" committee is not entirely muscle bound above the neck and will welcome any ideas or suggestions classmates wish to send to?

Vice Admiral A. D. Struble, USN Commander Eastern Sea Frontier 90 Church Street New York 7, New York

Happy New Year!

RIP STRUBLE

Mackey Lewis reports, as of 11 January 1956, that he is at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Corpus Christi, Texas, occupying the Admiral's suite and being treated like a King. He is having a double hernia operation - one side to be operated on about the 12th and the other side a week later. He expects to be in the hospital about $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks and will then have several weeks of taking it easy.

Here are some of Mackey's comments on the 40th Reunion:
"As I think back on the wonderful Reunion, the following ideas come to mind. It appears that after 40 years out, the gang present automatically divided into certain categories, they were roughly as follows:

Ministry — Hammond Bowman (in a class all by himself)
Dentistry — George Oulton (also classed alone)
Executives — Bodfish, Gamble, Lonergan, Powers, Rhea,
Shelley and Small

Educators -- Chadwick, Eldredge, Ray and Umsted

All the rest meet the common variety of Retired Personnel (McCormick and Struble still active).

Grot Wood and Tully Shelley must be getting old — neither even suggested a 'Hot Hand' game. Guess both considered targets too large and vulnerable, and hitting power too weak!

Wonder how many Hunky-Dunks played a little game with themselves and tried to recognize classmates as they first appeared over the horizon. I did — and was surprised at my score. Those I missed and am now ashamed to confess, were: Fortson, McCaffery, Peck and Small.

Ask Stites Ray to tell his side of the story, of the time he dropped the monkey wrench on Jimmy Kyle's head. If he doesn't confess, I will write the complete story of 'Monkey-Wrench' Ray for a later bulletin.

All I can add at the present, is to say that I wish the Reunion could be held again in the very near future with the same gang present. There are so many things left unsaid, and so many questions I would like to ask, that I feel the time element cheated me."

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Joe and Maggie Chadwick, and Frankie and Frances Huntoon took many pictures at the Reunion - colored and in black and white -- daylight and flash bulbs. Joe also made a lot of Polaroid pictures which he presented to the subject on the spot. I am not sure yet whether they were taking these pictures for fun or profit --- the profit to come later as blackmail:

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The professional class photograph of the Banquet is available at M. E. Warren, 5 State Circle, Annapolis, Md. It can be obtained in size 8×10 for \$1.50 each, or in size 11×14 for \$3.00 each.

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On the subject of class rings and miniatures or class pins, I refer you to Class Bulletin #2, April 1954, Page 4. Sluething by Sam Jenkins and Tom Peyton uncovered the dope:

Class Ring dies are in possession of J. Jenkins Sons, Inc., 2601 West Lexington Street, Baltimore 23, Maryland.

Miniature dies are held by Bailey, Banks and Biddle, Chestnut Street at 16th, Philadelphia 1, Pennsylvania.

Prices quoted in 1954, or earlier, are probably no good now.



The report of the "Goat Collection Agency", by Dick Richards is as follows:

As of 24 January 1956, 61 individuals had sent in their checks and the total collected to this date, and deposited in the Savings Bank drawing interest, is \$3964.30.

Orders to go ahead with the job were given in Bulletin No. 8, November 1955.

A list of 132 names was received from Hutch. Proper addresses are missing for <u>Grimm</u>, <u>Cook</u>, <u>Parkinson</u>, <u>Loveless</u>, <u>Shofer</u> and <u>Wynne</u>. Anyone knowing how to get in touch with them, please notify Dick or Hutch. Mackey uncovered the correct address for Erky Dollarhide, now in Dallas.

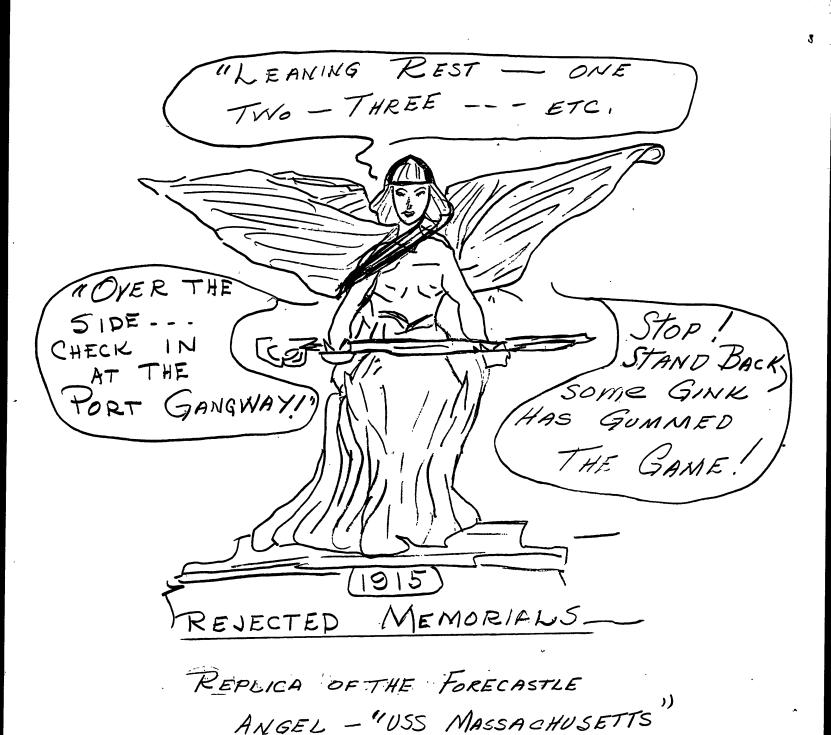
A check from R. M. Nelson was the first one received. Dick started letter writing December 5th, with request by Hutch to try to get word to every Hunky-Dunk by 15 January 1956. Letters have been written to 125 classmates, four bounced from local Post Offices marked "unknown". Personal touches 7, making a total of 132. Letters received to date 59. Contributions received to date 61.

The contributors' names are as follows:

Alexander	Izac	Peyton
Baker	Jenkins	Pigman
Bates ·	Kinne, M.T.	Quynn
Bodfish	Lewis, C.E.	Ramsey
Bowman	Lewis, J.M.	Ray
Breed	Libenow	Richards
Brown, T.G.	Lonergan	Richardson
Clark, S.B.	Low	Schott
Clarke, H.D.	Lusk	Scott
Collins	Maher, S.A.	Shelley
Delpino	Marshall, P.	Shoemaker
Glover	McCormick	Smith
Godfrey	Mitchell	Sperry
Graf	Nelms	Stedman
Granat	Nelson, R.M.	Stephen
Hazlett	Nelson, W.	Struble
Henning	Nimitz	Thomas, A.C.
Howard	Oulton	Umsted
Huntoon -	Overesch	Winslow
Hutchinson	Peck	Wotherspoon
ů.	Pennoyer	. •

Pledges and contributions are now <u>receivable</u> and checks should be made out to:

"Class of 1915 Gift Fund, U.S.N.A." and in the lower left hand corner of the check, add "For the use of U.S.N.A.". This is to make it Income Tax Deductible. Some of you may want to date your check back to December for tax purposes.



A list of addresses of classmates as shown in Tully's Bulletin #7 was the latest information available at that time. Unavoidably, there were a great many errors. Vic put out a Roster which was given to all who attended the Reunion. This also - unavoidably - had many mistakes in rank and addresses.

If every man (or widow) who receives this Bulletin will drop me a card to correct (if necessary), or confirm (if it is correct) the address, I will put out a corrected Roster for all classmates. I am already putting the corrected addresses as I receive them, in "Shipmate" magazine, under 1915 Class Notes. At present, I have no old files or records of any kind, but I am making every effort to unearth them.

I would also like to know the <u>first name</u> of each and every wife, or widow. Also, if you know of any 1915 widow who is not receiving the Bulletin, notify Hutch of her name and address. At present, I have addresses of only seven widows of sixty-three known dead, -- surely some of you can help change that!

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The Memorial Service held at the Reunion on 23 September 1955, was held in memory of the 63 classmates who were known to have gone to their great reward. Those honored were:

Adams, R.R. Grove, G.W. Minnis, J.A. Armstrong, D.W. Hactor, W.S. Nunnally, W.J. Barnett, A. Hatch, A.G. O'Neil, O.E. Bates, J.F., Jr. Hicks, W.A. Osborn, C.F. Pike, W.H.A., Jr. Burstan, R.M. Hill, G.C. Burwell, R.O.B. Calvert, N.G. Hoops, L.B. Portz, W.P. Hunter, H.O.D. Royal, F.B. Jondreau, R.J. Chandler, T.E. Shumaker, S.R. Chenoweth, H.H. Kell, C.O. Smith, F.B. Childs, E.W.F. Snelling, W.M. Kiely, R. King, A.E. Kyle, J.R., Jr. Clark, C.G. Sprague, J.H. Spriggs, M.H. Confer, W.J. Dalton, D.M. Landis, A. Tisdale, R.D. Deets, S.R. McCoach, E.S. Tovey, H.O. Farrar, R.M. Mahoney, J.J. Vickery, H.L. Field, J.M., Jr. Mail, F.M. Walker, M.J. Manly, J.M. French, F.G. Wedderburn, C.F. Friend, T.H.H. Matteson, S.H. Wiley, H.V. Glann, A.E. Myers, H.M. Withers, N. Glennon, P.T. Miller, M.C. Wood, Lo Wurtele, A.R. Graham, I.M. Lein, C.L.

(I have learned since that time that one bilger, Morris, W.Y., died about three years ago.)

If there are others you may know about, please notify Hutch.

Quotes from some letters received since the Reunions

Hammond Bowman

It was truly a highlight in my life. Susie and I both want to express our thanks to you and our class for allowing us to be your guests. That is one of the lovliest things that has ever been done for me. I certainly hope it will not be too many years before we get together again."

Vickrey. C. C.

"My son, Robert R. Vickrey, has become an outstanding painter. He has just won second prize in an International Art Show, with the highest honors among the American painters. His painting won out over one of the famous Maurice Utrillo's. He (Robert) has paintings in the Whitney Museum and the Brazilian National Museum. How is that? So I may someday be famous as his father?"

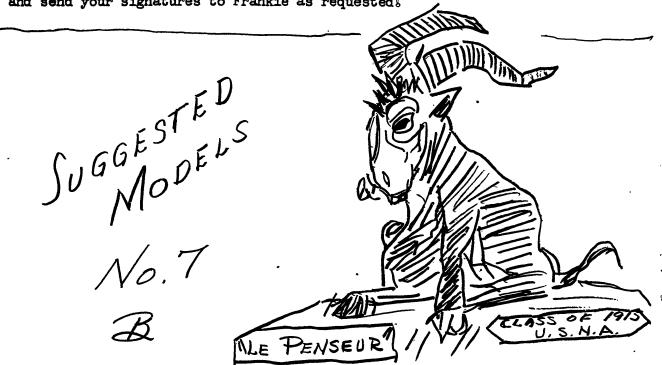
Frankie Huntoon

"At our Reunion, Sherman Billingsley, through Vic, was good enough to send a large magnum of champagne for us all to have a sip. The liquid went quickly, but, whether you know it or not, I salvaged the bottle.

It is now a magnificient table lamp, with brass stars around the neck, and a white shade, crowned with an open winged eagle. All I am lacking is the signatures of all who attended.

The quickest and easiest way to spread the word, would be through the Bulletin. Would you therefore please publish a notice to the effect that I'd like a signature from each one who attended the Reunion, men and women? They should be large, about 3 - 4 inches in length, so I can trace them and then paint them on the shade. It's almost impossible to paint a small signature."

NOTE: Now hear this! All you who were at the Reunion, get on the ball and send your signatures to Frankie as requested!





The list in Bulletin No.8, showing those <u>not</u> at the Reunion was incomplete. It ended with Lorenz, (only 40 names). The list should include:

Loveless Partello Pennoyer Low Maher, S.A. Perry Mitchell Pigman Moore Preston Morgan Ramsay Ring Nelms Nelson, W. Schott Scott Nimitz . Parkinson Shoemaker Shofner
Smith, A.E.
Stedman
Wagner
Watson
Woodward
Wotherspoon
Wright
Wynne

Most of these people have now been contacted by Dick Richards with a polite dun for contributions to the Goat Gift Fund.

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Those who had fully intended to be present at the 40th Reunion but could not make it at the last minute, were:

<u>Jim Shoemaker</u> - his mother was killed in a motor accident just a few days before the Reunion. He had intended to bring his 14-year old daughter for the game.

<u>Don Clarke</u> - suffered a heart attack. He is doing nicely now, and Hortense is acting as his secretary.

<u>Dave Collins</u> - suddenly decided he must have a hernia operation. He did not cancel his reservations.

Bill Schott - could not get leave from his job in Germany at that time. He was at the small class gathering in New York in January 1955.

Lew Stedman - his wife, Evelyn, is an invalid and confined to a wheel chair, plus the fact that an important legal case came up at that time, when he had to represent one of his best clients.

<u>Libenow</u> - sickness in family at last moment.

<u>Culbert</u> - sickness - Solange ill.

Sam Jenkins - had a working job that compelled him to be in Los Angeles during Reunion week.

Stud Harrison - I thought I had talked him into coming when Heather and I visited Homer and Holly in Chicago in June - but something slipped!

Some few plutocrats in the class, who had sent money in advance for reservations and later found out they could not be here, requested that I put the money in the "kitty" to help defray the incidental expenses of the Reunion.

I would say that the one thing the Committee slipped up on, just a little, was either -- (1) the cost of liquor, per bottle, as charged by Carvel Hall -- (2) the length of time the bar was kept open -- or (3) the capacity of the Hunky Dunks at this stage of their careers.

However, all bills are paid, refunds have been made to all who overpaid, and the bank book shows a balance of 000. Accounts were audited by Chester Lewis and Dick Richards. The total cost of the Reunion parties not counting hotel rooms or living accommodations was \$1896.28. I am not going to tell you how much of this went for liquid refreshments — just let us say it was at least 25%!

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I heard a third or fourth hand rumor that Spig Partello is sojourning in the Bethesda Naval Hospital. We hope, if true, that it is nothing serious. When I last heard directly from Spig, he was sunning himself in Malaga, Spain, last September.

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I also heard from Dick Richards that Hazel Shelley had a bad fall and broke her hip. She will be laid up for some time. We send her all best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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I am sure it is not beneath the dignity of this publication - and although it may not be "cricket" to use the Bulletin for advertising purposes - I want to put in a plug for Steve and Anne Rockwell's oranges...

I have had two shipments of citrus fruit, golden tree-ripe oranges and grapefruit from Steve's orange groves, and find them delicious. The service is very prompt and I have never seen such huge oranges as they have this year. Some are as large or larger than grapefruit. He has several varieties of oranges, grapefruit and tangerines, and his season lasts till July.

As Steve says: "You sample those navels I am including in your latest basket and I think you will agree they are like Bonded Bourbon. Reminds me of an exchange of letters I had with a customer of mine, who is a neighbor, although still a big contractor in Michigan. Stu Clark knows him, as he did several jobs in the Michigan plants of Stu's company. He raved about my navel oranges, so I sent him a de-luxe basket for Christmas. Too late, I discovered that some of the pecans I had included were a bit dry and not up to specifications. So I wrote him, Let's face it, Clifton, my nuts are not as good as my navels. Now I am sure that if you were to quote me on that, some of the ribald of our classmates, such as Stu Clark and Mackey Lewis, would take the wrong interpertation?

The flying Navy is doing things in a big way at their base in Sanford, just 9 miles from our grove. They are moving in their biggest planes and I see them shaving oranges off the tops of my tall trees. If I didn't love the Navy so much, I'd sue 'em.

I recently won the Sanford duplicate contract bridge championship, a 6 session affair with a different partner each session. Have got a nice trophy coming to me.

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I must sign off now, but will keep all you Hunky-Dunks informed of all the latest developments on our GOAT. Don't forget that this is your Bulletin, and you make the news. Keep on sending items to me, so we can all keep up with other Fifteeners. Although retired, I have a few other jobs, — such as President of the Annapolis Rotary Club; Vice-President of Sons of the American Revolution, in Baltimore; Regional Commander of the Military Order of World Wars; and over-all chairman of their 1956 Convention, to be held in Annapolis in October. Also Heather and I have to keep up with all the athletic and social events of Annapolis. But—the Hunky-Dunks come first, and I hope to be able to continue the fine job that Tully did so well?

Hasta la vista!

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SUGGESTED MODELS No. 5 (ANONYMOUS)

WEEP THEM SABRES QUIET!"

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GOAT COMMITTEE REPORT At a meeting of the Goat Committee held in New York the whole problem was thoroughly thrashed out and the following conclusions were reached. That various sculptors would be invited to submit a small model approximately 12 inches high for the Committee to consider; provided that the models be supplied at a reasonable figure. (b) After considerable discussion it was decided to employ the new gray-haired, shaggy type goat with quite broad horns as a model, rather than the older kinky-haired, white goat with horns curving directly back. (c) It was decided that the figure should carry the traditional Navy blanket as the goat always did at the football games; with the blanket carrying a block "N" with two (2) horizontal stars. (d) The committee felt that the goat should be in a charging attitude on his rear feet and with both front feet off the ground -- rampant if you prefer. A granite pedestal was preferred although it was felt desirable to seek the advice of the sculptor on this part of the project. The Committee felt that the pedestal should be between three to six feet high and again felt it desirable to obtain the sculptor's views as to the height. The spot tentatively chosen to mount the Goat was in front of (e) Macdonough Hall - the old gymnasium that we all remember. Admiral Smedberg has given Admiral Struble assurance that the general location in front of Macdonough Hall is satisfactory to the Naval Academy. It was understood that after the project for filling in Dewey Basin goes through, a re-location might be desirable. In this connection, it is possible that after the field house project has been completed, a more desirable location in that area may become evident. The Chairman of your Committee in discussing this with the Superintendent agreed that over a period of time, re-location might become desirable. It was thought the Naval Academy could handle the re-location if it becomes desirable. 3. Letters have gone out to twelve (12) sculptors along the lines indicated above and upon receipt of their replies, the Committee will hold another meeting for the purpose of selecting the sculptor and proceeding with the necessary business arrangements. RIP STRUBLE - 1 -

FEEDING THE GOAT

A report from DICK RICHARDS, chairman of Goat Fund, follows.

"As of April 22, I have written to 128 classmates, a total of 168 letters,

5 have come back as lacking proper addresses, 104 have answered and

97 have contributed, giving the Class Fund a total on hand of \$5851.00.

Still to be received is a total of \$245.00 from 4 pledges and there are only

20 Hunky Dunks who have not answered up one way or t'other.

Since the January Bulletin the following Ex-Midshipmen have sent in contributions:

M.B. ARNOLD ROS BLAIR CHIEF BURHEN IRV CHAMBERS **CAMPMAN** CHIPPENDALE CHADWICK H.S. CLARK, JR. COOPER ART DAVIS TRACEY DAVIS DEL VALLE EASTON FISHER FORTSON GAMBLE ROY HORN ROUGH

H.H.H. HARRISON LAMONT L.S. LEWIS KIRBY **MATTESON** McCREA **McCAFFREY PADDOCK** MEL POWERS PRESTON RHEA RITCHIE J.H. ROCKWELL SMALL THOMAS, W.D. WOOD WYNNE VICKREY

I trust that putting their names in the Bulletin will absolve me from having to write individual 'Thank You' notes to each one, since I'M developing enough writer's cramp trying to touch the unanswering group, - if not in the check book, - at least hoping for a letter.

I'm leaving Crabtown for the State of Maine the first week in May, so that all of you who are panting to: contribute in the coming six months, may have the pleasure of sending your contributions to Hutch."

DICK

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Report from GOAT COMMITTEE

A fine letter was received from RAFE BATES, from which I quote in part:- "Having been designated by the "Goat Committee" to report upon the more or less "social" nature of the activities of the committee on their second meeting (Which occurred in New York on March 9, 1956), I am seizing the bull by the honrs, as it were, to write to you thereon for publication in

the Class Bulletin, if you so desire. If you will remember, the first meeting occurred in Annapolis and was principally based upon the possible location of the monument.

This second meeting was designed to discuss sculptors and to settle certain working rules relating to the type of goat desired, etc.

The following members showed up: Ted Breed, Dick Richards, Claude Vickrey, Grot Wood, Rip Struble and myself. In addition, we were assisted by CDR Ben Lauff, USN, who is Rip Struble's aide for the UN. We were also honored by the presence of Frances Wood, Grot's wife, who apparently felt that it was unwise to permit Grot to join his classmates as a game of "hothand" or something equally outrageous would likely result. I think she was quite right to come, her presence was very enjoyable and her counsel helpful.

"Rip has a very nice house on the Naval Base. I understand that it was originally the home of the Head of the Hospital. He also has another house which is being fixed up for him as ComEastSea Front, where I think he expects to live for the short time that he will continue on the active list.

The meeting was a great success. Rip's house is delightful -- it would have been more so, had Hazel Struble been there, but she has become a grand-mother again and was away visiting her new grandchild.

As the guests arrived, they were greeted by Rip, who saw to it that they were given a very good drink of the kind they preferred. Rip's Filipino staff did excellently in this regard. I realized that if we took enough drinks before conducting our meeting, the results of the meeting might be somewhat different than was expected. So I suggested, while we were still having cocktails, that we commence the meeting. Rip accepted this idea with alacrity and immediately started the discussions.

The first thing we discovered was that every member of the committee had a private sculptor for whom he personally was willing to battle against all comers. In fact, one of the members was so active as to have a briefcase filled with the work of his chosen artist. ----

I won't argue about my sculptor because I came back with him on the "Plane" late, - we met by accident - and I was delighted to discover that he more or less concurred with views of our committee, which will be expressed to you by Rip.

Comdr. Ben Lauff was very helpful. Rip had assigned him the job of consulting with artists, artist guilds, etc., relating to sculptors. He not only came up with some pretty good ideas, but even brought along a model which some young Italian artist had made up for him. This model was made of clay, about a foot and a half wide, and a foot and a half high. It was very clever, although somewhat rough. Ben said that this young fellow was so anxious to get the assignment that he was willing to sleep with the "goat", to understand the goat's habits. My sculptor, on the other hand, said he wants to go down

and survey the goat enclosure and study the build and character of the goat. He wasn't particularly interested in parking with him in the goat enclosure. What suggestions will be offered by other sculptors, I do not know, because their supporters seemed to be a little weak on this point. After the cocktails, we went into dinner where Rip did himself proud. We had a wonderful dinner and everybody was so pleased about it that no serious discussions arose thereafter. Everybody agreed on certain fundamentals which, as I said, Rip will send you. Ted Breed and I remained overnight with Rip and returned in the morning to our respective areas: myself, back to Newport and Ted to Philadelphia. I couldn't see why Ted was so anxious to get to Philly, but it seems that he is a great skater and belongs to a skating club where Tenley Albright is the big star. Ted skates with her and I feel sure that he felt that, even for the sake of the goat, he didn't want to give up that opportunity! Being a bachelor and understanding, I can't say that I blame him. I don't know when our next meeting will occur but, if the next one is as successful as this one, I can assure you that all members had better be pres-

I don't know when our next meeting will occur but, if the next one is as successful as this one, I can assure you that all members had better be present. I came down to this meeting with the request from Lynde McCormick that the goat be rampant. Without stepping into Rip's field, I can say that everyone had the same view, so that there was no argument on this matter whatsoever.

With best regards, and with hopes that this covers the picture adequately, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

RAFE

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The total received by DICK RICHARDS, as Treasurer of the Goat Fund, is \$5851.00. Dick is anxious to hear from those who have not yet sent in their check. We would like to make this Gift represent 100% of the living graduates of the class of 1915. There is no maximum, - send what you think you can spare for this combined class effort.

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The 1915 Goat Committee held a meeting Friday afternoon and evening 9 March 1956 at RIP STRUBLE'S quarters in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Hutch was not able to be present, due to a previous engagement in Baltimore that night.

The GOAT is to have curly horns, long hair, rampant, blanket with two stars. The cost may exceed \$10,000.00 installed. There are seven sculptors lined up. Rip will write to all to see if they are interested. He will ask them to give a rough estimate for a bronze goat, with a clay (or plaster) small model of it.

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MACKEY LEWIS sent on a letter, which I quote, "Re: William YOAKUM MORRIS (Class of 1915). Your letter of January 2nd to the local Postmaster was passed to me, as I am a son. My Father passed away in 1943 due to complications from a severe stroke suffered one year earlier.

The highlight of his life was the time he spent at the Naval Academy, as he often spoke of the Academy, and I have many old pictures he took around the U.S.N.A."

W.Y. Morris, Jr.

PRES MARSHALL writes: "As I believe I told you at the time of the Reunion, I have come across a picture of the whole class taken aboard the MASSACHUSETTS on our Youngster Cruise. I mentioned this to some of the class when I was at Annapolis, and they indicated considerable interest in it. I turned the picture over to a local photographer who was formerly with Underwood & Underwood, and he has made a negative from it and a print, which is excellent. He tells me that he can furnish these at \$3.00 a copy. The photographer is H. T. Garrett, 816-18th Street, NW, Washington, D. C."

Those wishing a copy, contact the photographer direct, and he will bill you.

A notice about this famous picture was in the April "SHIPMATE" and PRES reports that nine copies have been sold already. "That is a source of considerable satisfaction to me. I am certainly glad that I came across that old picture in the attic," he wrote.

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In a letter from IRKY DOLLARHIDE to DICK RICHARDS, Irky encloased \$10.00 in cash for Hutch to use in getting out the Bulletin. Thank you very much, Irky!

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MACKEY LEWIS reports that he is out of the "Gold Plated Admiral's Suite" at the Corpus Christi Naval Hospital, and is now in "Limited circulation". Quotes from Mackey's letter:-

"There are four native Texans left in the class, - DUPRE, CAMPMAN, NIMITZ, and myself, but I think from performance at the Reunion, we will have to award "naturalized" FRANK HUNTON the title of "Mr. Texas". -- "I knew if you allowed STEVE ROCKWELL enough rope, he would eventually lower the moral tone of the Bulletin. His remarks concerning "Navels to nuts" confirm my suspicions. I am sure STU CLARK will agree with me. " --- "Regarding STEVE'S bridge tournament, it is noted that he had a differend partner each of six sessions. This does not surprise me, as I doubt if any one of them could put up with him more than one session!"

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MACKEY believes, and I am about to agree with him, that far too many classmates have developed an over-supply of lead, in the wrong, and, not nearly so useful, places.

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IRV CHAMBERS writes from Weston, Vermont, that he is snowed in and can't even move his car. He has been in Vermont ever since the Reunion, and did not receive the January Bulletin, which had been sent to Loxahatchee, Florida. (but a second one was sent him, to Vermont.) It seems that IRV is out of phase, vacationing in <u>Vermont</u> in the <u>winter</u>, and <u>Florida</u> in the <u>summer</u>.

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The National Bulletin of the Military Order of the World Wars, April issue, reports that Comdr. Charles Hahn, a Past C-in-C of M. O. W. W. as National Commander of the Naval Order of the U.S. had announced that the Naval Order would honor RIP STRUBLE at a dinner in the Union Club in New York on April 16th.

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RIP will also be the speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Sponsors of the U.S. Navy, in Washington, D. C., 3 May at a luncheon in the Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel. And by-the-way HEATHER HUTCHINSON is Second Vice-President of this organization.

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All members of the U.S.N.A. Alumni Association, (and I hope all Fifteeners are or soon will be) hurry up and get your votes in for MACKEY LEWIS, as Director at Large, of the National Society. NOTE: Mackey did not pay for this plug.

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Lt. Comdr. MELVILLE COCHRAN "SPIG" PARTELLO, JU.S.N. (Ret.) was a veteran of 31 years service. SPIG died Tuesday 13 March 1956 of cancer at the Washington Sanitarium, Tacoma Park, Maryland. He had been ill since last December.

He was the son of Col. Joseph M. T. Partello U.S.A. who held the world's rifle shooting record for many years, and was a veteran of the Indian Wars. Born in Toledo, Ohio, SPIG was brought up in the Philippines, where his father was stationed. He was graduated from the Naval Academy with the Hunky Dunks in 1915. During World War I he was navigator of the U.S. Transport "Great Northern", after having been interned in China at the beginning of the war. He was an instructor at the Naval Academy in radio engineering (Juice Dept.) from 1922 to 1925 and again from 1928 to 1931. Before World

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War II, he was in the submarine service, serving much of the time in the Orient. During the war, he was stationed in Washington, on Admiral Ernest J. King's staff in Logistics Planning.

SPIG retired in 1946 to Martinsburg, West Virginia where he was active in the Kiwanis Club. He had spent last year in Spain with his wife, and was taken ill there.

Surviving are his wife, Sabina, of 2109 Hildarose Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, a brother, Col. Joseph K. Partello, Carmel, California, and a sister, Mrs. George W. Stuart, also of Carmel.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 16 at 9 a.m. from the Fort Meyer Chapel, with burial in Arlington Cemetery. Full military honors were rendered, band, two companies of blue jackets, color guard, and caisson drawn by white horses. Flowers were sent from the class. The following were present as honorary pallbearers: Davis, A.C., Granat, Wm., Hutchinson, M.W., Jr., Izac, E.V.M., Lewis, C.E., Marshall, Preston, Richards, F.G., Ritchie, O.H., Small, J.D., Wotherspoon, A.S., Van Metre, T.E. (1909), Roberts, L.J.R. Adm. (MC) Ret., and Dr. Z.M. Lebensohn.

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The following letter was received from Sabina Partello after the funeral: "My very sincere thanks to the Class of 1915 for the lovely flowers sent to Mel. They were beautiful and he would have loved them. My deepest gratitude to all those members of the class who were pallbearers. I know my favorite Hunky Dunk would have been pleased.. Thank you all."

Sabina Partello

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J.T. (TRACY) DAVIS is now located at 8765 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis 20, Indiana.

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MEL and LOLA POWERS are back in 322 Albany Avenue, Kingston, New York after their vacation tour in Florida. They failed to drop anchor in Annapolis on their way north.

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GLEN and CORNELIA EASTON have been wintering in Mexico. They were living at Chapala, Jalisco, overlooking the big lake, and started north on 7 April, with expectations of returning to their home in Bronxville, New York.

KENDALL PRESTON reports he has moved up to his summer home at "Far Horizons" Greenville, N.H.

Circle Norfolk, Va . Mrs. ARCHE KING is now living at 1521 Blanford Circle, Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. DONALD M. DALTON is living in Washington, D.C. in Apt. 117, 2700 Que Street, N.W.

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FRANKIE HUNTOON reports that he has received very few signatures of classmates who attended the 40th Reunion, as requested in the January Bulletin, for his 1915 lamp-shade. Please note that his address is 3727 South Braeswood Blvd., Houston 25, Texas. Frank has recently been made the national secretarytreasurer of the Worms Club, and his title is the "Glow Worm". This Association is a group of down-trodden husbands. The membership is large and growing steadily, as eligible candidates are everywhere. There are no dues or obligations, and it's only on Friday the 13th, or May Day, that members assemble where ever they are - to extend doleful greeting to one another, over a "cool" one. If any Hunky Dunks think they might be eligible, they may apply for membership to the "Glow Worm". Frank will send a very handsome certificate of membership, suitable for framing and hanging (if you dare!) It is printed in 3 colors, has a gold seal, ribbons, and all that authentic stuff. The only catch is that a \$1.00 fee is charged for printing, seals, ribbons and mailing. But Frank says it's worth much more.

If any of you like to decorate your den, bed room or what have you, - with Navy commissions, letters of Commendation, letters of transmittal of medals, commissions in the Swiss Navy, or as a Kentucky Colonel or Admiral in Texan Navy, - this Worms Club certificate is a must. The Club slogan is "Am I a Man or a Worm?"

FRANK and FRANCIS had hoped to run over to Florida last month for a few weeks, to pick a few of STEVE ROCKWELL'S oranges right off the trees, but couldn't make it, and regret they had to miss seeing STEVE and ANN, HOMER and LAURA GRAF, WINDY and AGNES WINSLOW, BEN PERRY, IRV CHAMBERS (who got snowed up in Vermont last November and is still there), JACK DARROW,

I must confess, I had not heard of the Worms Club, but I am a member of the "Dun-Workin" Club, although not the "Honey Dew" Club. You all know what done working means, but "Honey Dew" is when Wifey says "Honey, do this" and "Honey, do that".

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DICK RICHARDS leaves Annapolis, 3 May, for his six months rest at his Oakridge home in. Maine. He says he grows oak trees because it takes at least 50 years for them to mature. Dick and Mary will be back in Crabtown in Novem-

Can any one give the Class Secretary any information on some of our Bilgers?

J. HOBART (SOC) ROCKWELL of Rochester, New York reports that tragedy has hit his family. His oldest son, J.H.R., Jr., Comdr. USN, class of 1940, crashed and was killed in a jet plane in Nevada on 13 February. This was the first break in his family, and his son's loss was a great blow to them all. Comdr. Rockwell is survived by his wife, five sons and five brothers, in addition to his father and mother.

COMDR. WALTER M. WYNNE is now in business in Newark, New Jersey. He can be reached at 160 Park Avenue, Elberon, New Jersey.

G.B. "BARRY" DOBYNS reports his address is Care of General Delivery, Bushness, Florida.

TULLY SHELLEY reports having made contact with SWEDE OVERESCH

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in London.

ERKY (THE CAT) DOLLARHIDE has been located at 2623 Lovefield Drive, Dallas, Texas. Erky was on his way to Annapolis for the Reunion last fall. He stopped off at his old home in Arkansas, where he had a serious automobile accident. He was hospitalized and is still not out of the woods. The friend riding with him was killed.

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H.H. H. HARRISON reports receiving a letter from COCKY SCHLOSS-BACH, from Melbourne, Australia. He was leaving the next day with the Australian Antarctic Expedition.

VINCE GODFREY notes that in identifying the purpose of his check for the GOAT FUND, he inadvertently made DICK RICHARDS the goat, and said he was not quite sure that he was not correct, considering Dick's job collecting funds.

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ROY HORN sent check for what he calls the "practical joke of the century." He is afraid his views, if fully expressed, would not go through the mail.

VICE ADMIRAL JOHN McCREA reports that he and Estelle have bought a house in Boston at 317 Marlborough Street, Boston 16, Massachusetts. It is near enough to his office so he gets a brisk 15 minute walk back and forth. John has a double-barrelled, or 2 hat, job with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company as Vice President. He handles personnel and client relations. The personnel matters have to do with home office employees (about 5500 of them) and the client relations job keeps him out of town a good deal, keeping in touch with the companies whose equities and/or long term papers they hold. He is very much interested in, and enjoying his second career.

From "The Evening Capital", Annapolis, Maryland, April 20, 1956, "Hutchinson Heads Sons of Revolution", Commodore MYRON W. HUTCHINSON, Jr., USN (Ret.) 6 Acton Place, was elected President of the Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at its annual meeting held last night in Baltimore.

The meeting marked the 181st anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, and the 67th anniversary of the Society.

Members from Annapolis who attended, in addition to Commodore Hutchinson were Rear Admiral Harold C. Train, USN (Ret.), Comdr. CHESTER E. LEWIS, USN (Ret.), and Lt. Glen L. Vaughan USN (Ret.)

Col. T.R. Laney of the Anti-Aircraft Defense, gave an illustrated talk on "The Air Defense Program."

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"Davis Recalled As Air Probe Censor"

VICE ADMIRAL ART DAVIS does not stay retired very long. He has been recalled by the Pentagon to help solve a serious security problem that has arisen within the Symington Committee. To quote from an editorial in the Washington Post for 21 April, "Secretary Wilson has made one concession to the "public interest in full information", by appointing Vice Adm. Arthur C. Davis to review material for release during the Senate Armed Services Sub-committee hearings on air power. - - "Admiral Davis, whose broad grasp of military affairs was demonstrated during his term as director of the Joint Staff, won praise for his even-handed performance as 'censor' during the MacArthur hearings. So far as he personally is concerned, there is reason for confidence. ---- "The criterion throughout the hearings ought to be, not whether disclosure would benefit the Russians, but whether full public awareness of the facts would benefit this country more."

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According to an order by Rear Admiral W. R. Smedberg, III, (the new Superintendent of the Naval Academy) Midshipmen can now sleep in on Sunday morning and miss breakfast if they want to. They must get up in time to go to church services, - but if they go to an early church service, they can come back and turn in, and read their Sunday paper in their bunks. Some old timers think the Academy "has gone to the dogs", but not me. I think it is a step in the right direction, and in the words of "Smeddy", "It takes off some of the continuous pressure, and results in only about an hour's difference."

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From Longwood, Florida, I received a nice long letter from STEVE ROCKWELL. I want to quote just a small part of it, - "Your first Bulletin, - Brother, you shouldn't have done it! You set a standard that will be awfully hard to keep up. However, we will not let you quit while you are ahead, and already some of your old 'trusties' are conniving to see what we can do in our small ways to help you maintain the standard, and thus keep up the 'Esprit de corps.'

"If I had any criticism of your Bulletin, it would be simply the lack of any personal message from TULLY SHELLEY. 'Le Bulletin sans Shelley ce nes pas le Bulletin', as the old couplet used to go in plebe French, regarding le moi de Mai. I am very brave to write this because you may remember the crack Tully made once, about my French. However, I am going to write Tully, and tell him, as Editor Emeritus, that it's up to him to do his duty and get on the team and push up some dope in his own inimitable style."

"Then, I heard from that Texas character, MACKEY LEWIS. He made a crack that, while he noticed at the Reunion that I had a very good-looking wife, I myself, wasn't a damned bit prettier than when I was a midshipman. Just for that I'll turn on my charm and see that he buys my oranges."

"I recall reading an article 10 or 11 years ago in the Saturday Evening Post about Navy Hospital ships, and there, staring me in the face, was a large picture of Capt. Mackey Lewis, surrounded by pretty nurses, doctors, etc. in his cabin. He was commanding officer of this hospital ship! Chances are, he found his favorite nurse and/or Doctor in the Corpus Christi Naval Hospital and they gave him that 'Admiral's Suite'. You just can't stop old Mackey. No wonder Lucky Strike's famous L-S-M-F-T means 'Lord Save Me From Texas'."

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When all of you classmates write to me, - as I hope you will - to give me your wife's first name or nickname, please includes the name of your Roommate at the Naval Academy. I would like to be able to fit them together, after all these years. I have had such a request to publish it in the Bulletin.

Skeeter Mitchell reports, for general information of the class, that
Louis De Roode died about 5 years ago.

Only 59% of the class are members of the National U. S. Naval Academy
Alumni Association (come on and join, everybody!) so for the benefit of those
who do not receive "Shipmate" magazine, put out monthly by the Alumni Association, I will repeat some items which are in the April issue.

Quote from a letter received from MACKEY LEWIS:
"I am still worried about the moral tone of the Bulletin with STEVE ROCKWELL
contributing so much. I have heard that Groucho Marx is not content with
searching for a double meaning of a word, but searches for a triple or even
quadruple meaning. While I do not consider that Steve is quite as smart as
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contributing so much. I have heard that Groucho Marx is not content with searching for a double meaning of a word, but searches for a triple or even quadruple meaning. While I do not consider that Steve is quite as smart as Groucho, - in order to protect the finer sensibilities of the fairer sex, - whom we hope are interested in our Bulletin, - I suggest that any contribution of Steve's be subjected to rigid censorship before publication. I, therefore, suggest a Board of Censors, composed of the Chief of Naval Chaplains, the Senior Chaplain of the U.S.N.A. and any well known Rabbi, as selected by Steve personally. I would have nominated our own HAMMOND BOWMAN for this Board, but I am afraid that it would prove unduly embarrassing to him. The moral tone of the 1915 Class Bulletin must be maintained at all costs.... and....

"Speaking of our class widows, I feel that we have quite unintentionally left them out in soliciting contributions to the "GOAT FUND". I am sure that many of them would like to make some token gift to the fund. I know for a fact that MYRON WALKER was most anxious to make some provision in his will for a gift to the U.S.N.A. May I suggest that you insert a notice in the Bulletin to the effect that the widows are invited to participate in memory of our deceased classmates."

There it is, gals, - that is the notice for your perusal in the Bulletin, as Mackey suggested.

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D. D. "DOPEY" DUPRE'S young nephew, M. M. Dupre, III, (Class of 1942) has recently reported at the U.S.N.A. for duty as P.I.O. (Public Information Officer) We will have dealings with him on the "GOAT PLACE-MENT".

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T. BROWN suggests that at the unveiling of the GOAT, the class representative christen the Gift of 1915 with a bottle of Chanel No. 5!



"THE GOAT FUND HAS PASSED THE \$5000 MARK, BUT THAT MORE WILL BE NEFFED FOR THE PEDESTAL AND THE INSTALLATION" (PICK RICHARDS) - -WHAT ARE WE BUILDING? THE PYRAMIDS??
CALLIN TULLY! (HE WORKS IN EGYPT!)



From the New York Times of April 22, 1956, - "Vice Admiral JOHN LIVINGSTON McCREA U.S.N. (Ret.) and MRS. McCREA have made known the engagement of their daughter, Miss Anne Lambert McCrea, to Donald Falvey, Jr. . . The bride-to-be expects to be graduated in June from Garland Junior College in Boston. She studied also at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Washington, and Punahou Academy in Honolulu, and graduated from the Georgetown Visitation Convent in Washington, where she was president of the student council in her senior year. Miss McCrea made her debut in Boston in 1954. Her father is a vice president of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. The prospective bridegroom, an alumnus of Phillips Andover Academy, is a senior at Yale, where he belongs to D. K. E. and is a member of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. He expects to be commissioned as a lieutenant upon graduation." ** ** ** ** ** ** ** The Naval Academy got a new Superintendent on 15 March 1956, when Rear Admiral W. R. Smedberg, III, USN, class of 1926, was sworn in. It makes some of us feel that we are getting older when a kid eleven years behind us is sitting in the driver's seat! We welcome him and wish him the best of success, and an interesting tour of duty at U.S.N.A. ****************** A letter from BILL THOMAS says that he had hoped to attend our Reunion, but was laid up with a broken leg and was staying with his daughter on the West Coast. He is now in St. Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, New York with various complications, but hopes to be out in a few more weeks, when he will visit his brother, Winston Thomas in Southampton for the next six months. The list of our 1915 widows who attended the Reunion is as follows: MRS. TED CHANDLER MRS. J. J. MAHONEY MRS. F. B. ROYAL MRS. SAM SHUMAKER MRS. H. L. VICKERY MRS. M. J. WALKER 14 -

"CHIP" CHIPPENDALE reports that DON CLARKE is getting along very nicely after 3 months or so in the Hospital and a long period of enforced idleness at home. While not as yet an active candidate for the Olympics, he is getting out quite a bit now, and he and Hortense had been to lunch with Chip. Warmer weather will help him get "back to battery" in short order.

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DICK RICHARDSON just got back to Norfolk after nearly 3 months in Florida. He is working hard on his portrait painting.

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Many classmates who attended the 40th Reunion are asking if we are to have a 45th in 1960. They feel that the 50th is too far away and their only criticism of the last one was that it was too short. They did not get time to talk it out with many classmates that they had not seen in years. The committee in Annapolis is ready and willing to put on another in 1960 if it is the wish of a majority. How's about it??????

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Quotes from a letter just received from STITES RAY:"Most of the fellows who attended the Reunion had remained in the Service, at least for more years than I did, so it was not so long for them since they had
seen their classmates. But for me, - well, except, with a few exceptions, I
had not seen any of them since our graduation 40 years ago.

"I was able to recognize some of them without being given the name, -but others, - Ah, no! - I couldn't do it. But when I did get the name, I could have kicked myself for not recognizing them - I could see the characteristics that they had so long ago. Somewhere I read that a class Reunion was where you went back to college and met your old classmates who had grown so fat and old that they didn't recognize you!"

"As for myself - I have been retired these past 4 years, after having a heart attack and cataract operation on both eyes. However I am able to see very well and get around fine. For the past three winters, we have been going to Florida where we spend about four months living in a trailer on the Atlantic Ocean near Del Ray Beach. Then in the summer, we have been going to Acadia National Park near Bar Harbor, Maine, for a month or so."

"We have 3 children, 2 girls and a boy, - one girl is married and has 3 children. The son graduated from M.I.T. and is working at Johns Hopkins Applied Research Laboratory in Silver Spring. The unmarried daughter is teaching in the Army Schools in Paris."

"In regard to the Goat Gift, - after the statue has been made, it would be nice if small replicas could be made and sold to classmates individually.



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A size suitable for book-ends or a smaller for a paper-weight or mantel ornament would find some favor. I myself, would like to have one as a mantel ornament."

"Again, let me say the 40th Reunion was a great success, - I attended the 20th, - now I hope I'll be here for the 50th!"

This, and the others like it are the kind of letters I want from you Hunky-Dunks, - in particular from those we have not heard from for a long time. Many of you have interesting data to give the class on what you have been doing since you left the Service.

How about some dope from such as JOE CHADWICK, TED BREED, MALCOLM FORTSON, BILLY ALEXANDER, HOWES BODFISH, DAVE COLLINS, etc.?

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COMMANDER, LASTERN SEA FRONTIER 90 Church Street New York 7, New York 30 April 1956 Mr. Felix de Welden 2132 Bancroft Place, N. W. Washington, D. C. My dear Mr. de Welden: The Naval Academy Class of 1915 is considering presenting a bronze statue of a goat to the Naval Academy. As you probably know a goat has been the proverbial Navy mascot at the Army and Navy football games for some fifty years. Years ago the goats had curly light hair and their horns curved directly back over their shoulders. However, recent goats have been of a more shaggy variety with gray hair and with rather wide and wicked looking horns. The goat has traditionally carried a blue blanket with yellow stripes and a yellow block "N" with stars. The Committee working on the project has selected the more recent goat as the model for the statue, and desires to have the goat covered with the traditional blanket bearing a block "N" with two stars in a horizontal line. I had hoped to be able to enclose several photographs of the desired goat, but have been unable to procure them. In lieu thereof, I am sending you a few sketches which I hope will give you a fair idea of the statue we have in mind. In general, the Committee felt that the goat should be rampent with both front legs off the ground and in a charging attitude. I am also enclosing a small line sketch of the grass plot in front of Mac Donough Hall where we are proposing the statue be located. For your information Mac Donough Hall is the old athletic building of the Naval Academy, containing the old and new swimming pools and also the gymnasium where boxing and wrestling are held. In view of the stone buildings at the Naval Academy, a granite pedestal was being considered as appropriate, with an approximate height of from three to six feet above the ground based on the sculptor's recommendation.

You will note the Class desires the goat displayed outside and while they had wished the goat to be life-size, it is recognized that the sculptor may for outside work prefer a slightly larger than lifesize figure. As the goat will be an athletic symbol it may be subject to being disturbed by West Point Cadets at or about the time of the football game, and the Committee thinks it would be desirable if some reasonable method of attaching the goat to the granite pedestal could be arranged so that it would not be too simple a matter to try to remove it. If you are interested in sculpturing such a statue, the Committee would appreciate it very much if you would reply toothis letter and answer as best you can the following questions: (a) Could you furnish a small model approximately 12 inches high and if so, how much would such a model cost? (b) Could you give an estimate of the approximate cost of sculpturing and providing the casting ready for installation? (c) Have you any views as to the height and type of pedestal that would be best and would you care to estimate the cost of such a pedestal or would it be best for us to handle that separately? (d) Could you estimate approximately how long it will take to complete the cast after a contract is awarded? (e) If you do not find it practicable to submit a model, would you care to submit one or more sketches to give us an idea of your handling of the matter? Very truly yours, A. D. STRUBLE Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy Chairman, 1915 Gift Committee

6 June 1956 MEMORANDUM FOR "GOAT" COMMITTEE MEMBERS 1. At a preliminary meeting of the "Goat" Committee held on 5 June 1956, Claude Viekrey, Grot Wood, and Rip Struble were present. In view of the absence of a number of members of the committee, the members present restricted their activities to eliminating as many of the sculptor. from the list as they felt should be quite clearly eliminated for one reason or another. 2. The results were, that of the fourteen names, seven were eliminated and seven retained for further committee consideration. 3. Letters will be addressed to those whose names have been eliminated. A further letter also addressed to those who have been retained will give additional committee views on the subject and will attempt to attain further data from each sculptor in order that a final selection may be made at the next committee meeting. 4. Some of the clay models submitted were definitely interesting. RIP STRUBLE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR "GOAT" COMMITTLE MEMBERS

- Replies from my previous memorandum indicate that July is out as a possible time for the next meeting.
- 2. A consensus of the various replies indicates that the best area for the largest possible attendance will be in late August, Shelley will be over from London for the month of August and can probably be available.
- 3. I am therefore now proposing 4 specific dates and would like to have you indicate whether any, or all, are acceptable from your point of view:

Thursday, 23 August

Friday, 24 August

27 August 🗲 Monday,

28 August Tuesday,

4. As soon as I hear from you on the above, I will send out a prompt decision.

Best regards to all,

This memo mailed to:

VADM F.W. Pennoyer, Jr.
Gommodore M.W. Hutchinson, Jr.
Gommodore Richard W. Bates
Rear Admiral F.G. Richards
Rear Admiral Tully Shelley
Captain Gerard H. Wood
Captain Claude C. Vickrey
Commander Edward Breed, USNR

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MEMORANDUM FOR "GOAT" COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1, After canvassing the committee, the best date to get everybody together is Thursday, August 23rd, and that date is established for the meeting. After consulting by telephone with Dial Richards, the best time for the meeting appears to be 10:30 in the morning -- with the idea that if for any reason we should run into undue complications an early afternoon session could close out the meeting.

2. The place of the meeting will be Room 2111, 2 Park Avenue, which is on the Corner of 33rd Street and Park Avenue. The office is in the United Nations Military Staff Committee Delegation area, and the phone number is: MUrray Hill 3-6810, Extention 139.

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Date: Thursday, August 23rd

Place: Room 2111, 2 Park Avenue,

New York City

3. Hope everybody can be here.

Best regards to all,

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United States Delegation United Nations Military Staff Committee Room 2111, 2 Park Avenue New York 16, N. Y. 27 August 1956 Commodore M.W. Hutchinson, Jr. Class Secretary 6 Acton Place Annapolis, Maryland Dear Hutch, On Thursday, 23 August, six Hunky Dunks gathered at 2 Park Avenue to settle the goat sculptor problem. Unfortunately Ted Breed had fallen -- gashed his leg and the doctor wouldn't let him travel. Grot Wood also couldn't make it. Present Shelley Bates Struble Hutchinson Vickrey Richards The Chairman presented the broad picture and briefly discussed the rejections by the preliminary committee. A sample of the second letter to the sculptors was read and the probable costs involved were discussed. In this connection, the Chairman ventured the opinion that it was what we wanted that counted most -- rather than saving a little money. He felt that all of us would prefer to put in 3 or 4 thousand dollars more and have a goat that we would be proud of. A rundown of the 8 sculptors remaining on the list was given by the Chairman and the small clay models submitted. by a number of the sculptors were displayed and considered from many angles. Hutch had conducted a local investigation near Annapolis into the probable cost for the granite base. The stone is to be similar to the material in Macdonough Hall, with the size and design of the base to be held open for the sculptor's After considerable discussion, and time out for a brief Juncheon, the Committee agreed definitely upon the model submitted by one of the sculptors.

It was a little unusual to have so many Hunky Dunks in agreement, but I believe that all of the classmates present felt that a bronze, similar to the model submitted, would be a matter of great pride to the class and might even rival Tecumseh as a well known academy symbol.

I shouldn't give the impression that there wasn't any discussion -- for in fact, Rafe Bates proved to be very erudite on the subject of horses, goats, the sail effect, and metal fatigue.

With agreement on the selection of a sculptor, the Committee discussed alterations in the model submitted. They also discussed the practical arrangements for handling the contract and completing the project. It appears that about 3 months will be required for the sculptor to prepare the full-scale model -- at which time the Committee will have an opportunity to view the model and suggest changes before the bronze is made. Another 3 months will then be required for the completion of the bronze.

The Committee recognized that additional funds would be required, but all felt that the additional amount was well justified in producing a bronze we could be proud of. A very simple inscription indicating "CLASS OF 1915" is contemplated.

Dick Richards (withal a little loathfully) will gird up his jeans and go after some more money. I feel sure that all of the class will support him well.

The Hunky Dunks present, except Vickrey and Struble, had come from considerable distances and I feel that their willingness to come to New York in the middle of summer, to enter wholeheartedly and carefully into the discussion and choice of a sculptor is well worth a resounding "hunky dunky dory" for them from the class.

I believe that the time we have spent in investigation and sifting of sculptors has been worthwhile and look forward to a result the class will be proud of.

Best regards,

RIP

cc: Adm Pennoyer

Commo. Bates Adm Richards Adm Shelley Capt Wood Capt Vickrey Cdr Breed C United States Delegation United Nations Military Staff Committee Room 2111, 2 Park Avenue Bew York 16, E. Y. 30 August 1956 Commodore M.W. Mutchinson, Jr. 6 Acton Place Ammapolis, Maryland Dear Butch: In company with Vickrey I completed a memorandum of agreement with the Walsh Distributing Corporation for the "Navy Gost" bronse. A formal instruction for the Gift Fund records is enclosed herewith. Will you please see that the check is sent on promptly? In connection with the bronse, it appears that "Life" has become interested in taking some preliminary photographs with the idea of publicizing this gift when the presentation is made. Vickrey and I thought that the idea is desirable, and I am therefore writing to you, with a copy of this letter to the other members of the "Goet" Committee, requesting their commont upon a possible "Life" article and if they approve of the idea, asking that they send to me a brief summary of their rememberance of the inception of the idea and of such comment concerning the project to date as they think would be valuable to a Staff "Life" Writer, should we decide to go shead with it. The initial model will be ready in about 2 months for inspection by the Committee, and if publicity by "Life" appears desirable, a photograph of the Committee with the sculptor, and the model at that time, could be accomplished by "Life" in starting their visual record of the situation. All "Gost" Committee members are requested to forward their comment on this angle, and their remarks concerning the inception of the idea, and previous history to me at the above address. Best regards, (Signed) KIP. Encl.

MEMORANDUM FOR "GOAT" COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- In the Chairman visited the studio of sculptor, Spampinato, on Thursday, 11 October, to view the full size goat model in clay. In connection with Rafe Bates proposal that the head might be raised a little at the last meeting, the Chairman considered it desirable to amplify that proposal for further discussion and decision. Spampinato was asked to raise the head of the small model a considerable amount, and make some other corresponding changes.
- 2. At 11:00 A.M. on Friday, 12 October, a partial committee meeting was held at the studio and attended by Captain and Mrs. Grot Wood, Grande Ufficiale Ted Breed, Admiral and Mrs. Struble. I phoned to Rafe but he was unable to come down. Vickrey was also unable to be present. I did not believe that other committee members could answer the call on such short notice.
- 3. At the meeting today, Spampinato was asked to raise the head of his full size figure slightly. At Ted Breed's suggestion, he was asked to bring the horns together a little closer at the head, similar to the small model. Spampinato was also asked to make certain other generally minor corrections.
- 4. Everybody present appeared to believe that the model was excellent and that the sculptor was making good progress.
- 5. A final meeting to view and approve the full size clay model of the goat will be held at the Studie, on the top floor at 57 Walker Street, New York, N.Y., at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, 22 October. All committee members who can possibly be present are requested to attend. 57 Walker Street is about two blocks from the Canal Street Station of both the BMT and the IRT subways.

hasta la vista,

RTP

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RADM Richards

RADM Shelley Capt Wood Capt Vickrey Commo Breed

MEMORANDUM FOR "GOAT" COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- l. A partial committee of Ted Breed, Claude Vickrey, and Rip Struble met in the Studio on Monday, 22 October and, with a very few minor changes, approved the full size clay model. The sculptor was authorized to go ahead with the casting in plaster. Only very minor detail changes can be effected once the cast is made in plaster.
- 2. A representative of the Superintendent was present and had no objections to make in any way to the model -- in fact he thought it very good.
- 3. The Chairman will go ahead with arrangements with "Life" concerning publicity. He contemplates preparing a rough draft of the concept, inception of the idea, etc. and will send this paper, in the rough, to committee members for comment before giving the paper to "Life". The Chairman asked Ted Breed to prepare a number of new sketches of the goat, with the idea that if "Life" wished to publicize some of the sketches, the Chairman would be in a position to supply them. After a public relations arrangement has been made with "Life", it is probable that "Life" representatives may wish to contact members of the class directly in connection with their story.
- 4. Spampinato will make a full size paper model of the goat and when he is ready, the Chairman will arrange for a session in Annapolis at which time the goat will be placed on a moving scaffolding and the model tested for placing at various heights from the ground. The sculptor will be present and such members of the committee as can make the date. Also at this meeting the Chairman contemplates further discussion of the bronze plaque which the sculptor feels should be put on the granite base. I have three (3) suggestions for this plaque and would be glad to receive your comment. (Suggestions attached as Enclosure #1.)
- 5. The Chairman arranged to have a number of the photographs of the goat taken and hopes to get an adequate number of the new photographs to Dick Richards within 10 days or 2 weeks.

hasta la vista,

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Capt Vickrey and Cdr Breed.

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Enclosure #1

MEMORANDUM FOR "GOAT" COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 1. At the sculptor's request the Chairman visited the studio on Monday, 29 October, and gave formal approval to the final clay model. The sculptor will now go ahead with the next part of the process which will involve moving the operations to the foundry. The sculptor expects to inform me when he wants me to come to New York the next time.
- 2. The photographs taken last time turned out very well. I have ordered a civilian photographer to prepare 50 copies and will very shortly mail them to Dick Richards.
- 3. For everybody's information, my address is now:

4017 Oliver Street Chevy Chase 15 Maryland

Telephone: OLiver 4-2717

hasta la vista,

RIP.

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Capt Wood Capt Vickrey Cdr Breed

RADM Shelley

MEMORANDUM FOR "GOAT COMMITTEE" MEMBERS.

- 1. The following have agreed to serve as members of the "Goat Committee" Rafe Bates; Ted Breed; Dick Richards; Tully Shelley and Grot Wood. I believe Hutch will also serve, although he may not wish to be a full-time member.
- 2. The location in which the "goat" is to be mounted is an early and quite important problem.

There are two views on this problem. Ted Breed has proposed:- "There is one thing however that should not be forgotten, and that is, that the statue should not be out of reach of the youngsters. My idea was that they would be able to "ride it" as they do in Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia."

The Superintendent has indicated that he would prefer having the statue in the new field house where they will have a big room 40° x 20° with eleven foot ceiling marked as a trophy room. That would mean the statue need not be more than life size and a mount or pedestal to be about 31/2 or 4 feet high. The field house is due for completion about a year from now.

I believe, if we can, we should endeavor to solidify views on location before proceeding with a contract.

3. The selection of a sculptor is highly important. By the time that we have a New York meeting I trust that each committee member will have gone into the sculptor problem to the best extent that he is able, and that at such a meeting we could either settle on one sculptor to commence actual arrangements with; or possibly settle on two or more sculptors from whom we would request a small scale model be supplied on which both the sculptor and the committee could agree before starting the full size. I imagine if we adopt the second method that it will be more expensive, as each sculptor will indoubtedly feel the necessity for some renumeration for submitting a small scale model.

I am hoping to visit Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia to see Ted Breed's 'goat" on display and also later in January visit Annapolis. In Annapolis, in addition to general discussion of the problem I hope that such members of the committee as are present could go around the Naval Academy and find possible locations, and then have a conference with the Superintendent and some of his advisors on the "location" problem.

I am sure that the Superintendent will reserve the right of location. However, if we can have a good discussion with him, we will at least be in a better position to indicate to the sculptor what the location, or probable locations, will be.

For my part, I am thinking in terms of driving to Annapolis, via Philadelphia from New York on the morning of Saturday, 28 January -----probably spending Saturday night in Annapolis, and sometime on Sunday going on to Washington to be in Washington on Monday. I will be pleased to take anybody down with me that wishes to go.

As a date to shoot at I am thinking of a meeting in New York around mid February. Does anybody want to make a suggestion?

Best regards for a Happy New Year, and for better but not necessarily bigger "GOATS".

RIP STRUBLE

Vice Admiral A. D. Struble, USN Commander Eastern Sea Frontier 90 Church Street New York 7, N. Y.